

WSURA Board Minutes, May 1, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Schumacher

Present: Marlene Bireley, Mary Kenton, Joyce Howes, Gary Barlow, Ruth Schumacher, Larry Prochaska, Robin Suits, Peggy Bott, Gail Whitaker, Donna Schlagheck, Judy Engle; Sheryl Provens, Mary Gromosiak, Abe Basset, Carol Stevenson, Sheryl Provens, Dan Abrahamowicz

Absent: Gary Pacernick, Judi Engle, Dick Williams

President Howes called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

1.

President: Joyce Howes

- a. April minutes unanimously approved
- b. Great feedback and praise re the luncheon
- c. Suggestions for next year's luncheon:
 - a. Proposal made and accepted to invite and recognize retirees at the next luncheon (e.g., retired 5yrs, 10yrs, etc.; other)
 - b. Photographer was running all over the room; suggestion to have a photo booth next year

2. President-Elect: Larry Prochaska

- a. Asked Athletic Council to contact Sheryl re ticket sales (Bob Grant said we would get 50% of ticket sales to all retirees); Larry Prochaska and Dan Abrahamowicz will send Bob a note re this item.
 1. Robin Suits will make an email announcement re season tickets when they go on sale
 2. Women's season's tickets can be purchased separately
- b. Alumni Association is moving in June; advised to contact Rob Thompson re WSURA
 - a. Primary Question is does WSU want us to move?

3. Past President: Donna Schlagheck

- a. Reminder re Remembrance Gathering for Jim Walker, Tuesday, May 7 at 4 pm in Millett

4. Secretary: Ruth Schumacher

- a. Offered thank you for corrections to minutes

5. Treasurer: Sheryl Provens

- a. Sheryl Provens will send financial report later, but provided highlights
 1. Everything looks good is her overall assessment
 2. Contacted Ryan Black to attain accurate data re the available balance; he promised to allow WSURA to use carry over money or add to the balance
 3. Recommendation that WSURA can spend a reasonable amount of money for normal business operations as next year we cannot use carry over funds
 4. Discussion focused on WSURA's need for a computer if Windows 10 needs to be used
- b. CSIC report has been provided to the WSURA board: historical picture re retiree giving (See: April 2019 board minutes)

6. Communications: Mary Kenton

- a. Request for photos from the luncheon and other events
- b. Discussion re great photos taken: Paul Newman; Rudy Fichtenbaum; etc.
- c. Mary Kenton to provide Robin with information on Paul Newman, winner of the Rich Johnson Award.
- d. Joyce Howes will be writing a President's letter for publication and submit to Mary Kenton
- e. Joyce will include a brief discussion re climate change efforts

7. Scholarship: Gary Pacernick (Mary Kenton reporting)

- a. 2 scholarship awardees selected for this year
- b. Motion regarding adding one more scholarship if the budget allows; Robin seconded and motion approved
 1. Concern is not knowing how much state money WSURA will have access to
- c. New Scholarship Committee chair needed

1. Recommendation that the committee propose a new Scholarship Committee chair to the Board

8. Activities: Mary Gromosiak

- a. Discussion re replacement for the annual picnic
 1. Suggestion to form a committee to plan a summer or early fall picnic
 2. Mary, Larry, and Marlene will staff the committee
- b. Discussion re activity or increased interaction of the Board with the Women's Basketball team; Board encourage to think about the idea; Mary Gromosiak to add the idea to the list of possible events for next year

9. Historical Preservation: Dan Abrahamowicz

- a. Emily will be asked to work with Chris Wydman (Library) to resume transcriptions for the Oral History Project

10. Bylaws & Elections: Gail Whitaker

- a. Gail and Carol to help count ballots
- b. Joyce to send letters to new members

11. Membership: Marlene Bireley

- a. Marlene kindly and wisely sent Judi a copy of activities/ forms/explanations of the duties of the membership chair

12. OCHER: Peggy Bott (OPERS) and Dick Williams (STRS)

- a. OPERS
 1. Needs an annual report before May 21
 2. Larry will contact Judi Engle re: layout
- b. STRS
 1. No report due to absence

13. Sunshine: Peggy Bott

- a. Respectfully reported deaths
- b. Discussion re food for the June meeting
 1. Last year: sandwiches from Kroger; Board members brought desserts
 2. Sheryl asked to provide food order from last year
 3. Peggy, Joyce, and Mary G to make arrangements for the June lunch

14. Co-webmaster: Robin Suits

- a. Newsletter to go out today
- b. Mary Kenton to provide Robin with information re Paul Newman so she can provide comments for the newsletter.

15. Alumni Affairs: Dick Williams (absent so no report)

16. Friends of the Libraries: Gary Barlow

- a. Thank you offered to those who came to the luncheon
- b. Asked Peggy to be the WSURA representative to the Friends of the Library's Book Club Committee
- c. Postponing refreshing the WSURA boardroom's art

17. UCIE: Ruth Schumacher

- a. Updated the Board re positive status of the partnership with the UCIE
- b. Publicize the September reception to the WSURA membership (dependent upon UCIE approval. Date may need to be changed dependent upon student recruitment time line, also determined by UCIE)
- c. Suggestion to for a round table for students and partners hosted by the Board

18. Athletic Council: Mary Kenton & Larry Prochaska

- a. Praise for President Schrader who was very supportive of WSU athletics at Athletic Council

19. Old Business

- a. Provided current addresses for folks who came to the luncheon to Robin to update retiree address list

20. New Business

- a. Joyce met with a Beavercreek Life Long Learning Center representative. He is interested in securing presenters for the program, possibly from the WSURA membership. The program currently utilizes professors from the UD program and is small.
- b. Could publicize as a volunteer opportunity if the representative, Jim Waite, will submit a brief article to be shared with the membership

21. Board Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am