

Wright State University Retirees Association Board Meeting May 4, 2022

Present: Robin Suits, Jerry Alter, Sheryl Provens, Peggy Bott, Mary Kenton, Mary Gromosiak, Betty Kangas, Judi Engle, Gary Barlow, Joyce Howes, Kathy Morris, Richard Williams, and Gail Whitaker

Absent: Donna Schlagheck

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on the motion of Robin Suits and the second of Joyce Howes. Andrea Wall, the building manager, was available and took us on a tour of the third-floor offices that have been offered to us when we have to move out of our current space.

President-Elect — no report

Past President — no report

Secretary — no report

Treasurer's Report — Sheryl Provens

We have two new lifetime members: Barbara Bullock, Institutional Research; and Robert Ritzi, Earth and Environmental Sciences

Communications — Mary Kenton

The upcoming Extension will feature the Annual Luncheon and an article about Gail Whitaker.

Elections and Bylaws — Joyce Howes

Mary Kenton moved that the committee investigate an improved way to conduct our elections, seconded by Mary Gromosiak. CARRIED

Activities — Mary Gromosiak

The May 6 luncheon preparations have been completed. Certificates have been prepared for the Lew Shupe Faculty Service Award and the Richard Johnson Staff Service Award.

There will be a Wetlands Walk on June 8. Robin will work with the Wetlands Association to facilitate sign-up. We will have a guide. Lunch arrangements will be impromptu.

Membership Committee — no report

Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER)

Richard Williams - STRS

During the April meeting the State Teachers Retirement System Board adopted several changes to the STRS Ohio Health Care Program that will have a positive impact on nearly all plan enrollees.

- Increased premium subsidy
- Improved the primary care physician copay

- Decreased the drug maximum out-of-pocket limit
- Changed pharmacy network to one of Express Scripts' high performing networks
- Replaced the current \$29.90 Medicare Part B reimbursement to a credit of \$30

Scholarship Committee — Jerry Alter

There are a total of 78 applicants, 30 of whom have a connection to WSURA. The committee will meet and make a recommendation to the board on the scholarships to be awarded. Following clarification on the requirement for applicants to be related to a WSU retiree, Mary Kenton moved that we award three \$1,500 scholarships, seconded by Joyce Howes. CARRIED

Remembrance — Peggy Bott

Peggy noted the passing of two WSU retirees.

Annual Meeting Discussion

The Annual Meeting on June 1 will be announced in the next e-newsletter. All members will be invited to attend; results of the election will be announced. The board decided to offer refreshments and members volunteered to provide dishes.

Webmaster — Robin Suits

There are now 94 members on the Facebook page. Robin will suspend our Zoom subscription for the summer.

Alumni Affairs — no report

Friends of the Libraries — Gary Barlow

We decided that Gary should order 35 sets of hand-outs for his Van Gogh presentation in the fall.

Old Business

Regina Klotz from the Provost office is planning the seminar for new retirees hopefully in mid-June. Joyce Howes, Donna Schlagheck, and Jerry Alter have volunteered to sit on the panel.

Robin and Peggy both did some research regarding .edu email accounts for retirees at other universities and shared their findings. Only the University of Akron has implemented a policy that retirees can no longer have access to university email accounts. All other schools provide retiree email accounts.

New Business

The Library has requested that we contribute \$100 to support the Library Book Club. Gary Barlow moved that we continue our support and Mary Kenton seconded the motion. CARRIED

There being further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Whitaker