

Wright State Retirees Association Board Meeting
October 5, 2022

Present: Dan Abrahamowicz, Barbara Bullock, Joyce Howes, Gary Barlow, Mary Kenton, Betty Kangas, Peggy Bott, Gail Whitaker

Absent: Jerry Alter, Sheryl Provens, Mary Gromosiak, Robin Suits, Kathy Morris

The minutes of the September meeting were approved on the motion of Joyce Howes and the second of Gary Barlow.

President's Report – Judi Engle

- Judi reported that it looks like our move has been put off once again. She has asked for us to have a tour of the new space assigned to us in the Student Union.
- We have been asked to link our web page to the Provost's site.

Past President's Report – Dan Abrahamowicz – no report

Secretary – Gail Whitaker – no report

Communication Coordinator – Mary Kenton

Mary has left a message with David Garrison about the possibility of his coming on the board. She expects The Extension to be out before Thanksgiving.

Activities

There are two upcoming programs: 1) Abe Bassett will be speaking about his Lebanese heritage on October 6 in the Bill Shepherd Room, 2) Dr. Harvey Hahn will present a Zoom talk on Heart Health on October 19.

Bylaws and Elections- Joyce Howes – no report

Membership – Betty Kangas

We had one new lifetime member.

OCHER OPERS – Peggy Bott

We will automatically be transferred to the new provider for vision and dental insurance if you are already subscribed. Barb Bullock will be replacing Peggy at these meetings.

OCHER STRS – Dick Williams

There are bills floating in the legislature to require a STRS COLA increase and one at the Federal level to change the offset on Social Security payments. There is no movement to change the 14% contribution to STRS. The executive director of STRS visited the OCHER meeting.

Remembrance – Peggy Bott

Two recent deaths are recorded on our web page.

Alumni Relations – Dick Williams

- Their association board met last Saturday. They are working on a Strategic Plan and the upcoming Wright-Way-to-Give Day.
- The Alumni Office is looking for 200 people to solicit donations and new students.
- The Foundation will now provide \$240,000 to the Alumni Board. Their budget is currently about \$300,000/year.
- Homecoming will be the weekend on January 28th and at men's basketball game.

Friends of the Libraries – Gary Barlow

Peggy Bott will be replacing Gary as the FOL liaison.

Historical Preservation – Joyce Howes for Kathy Morris

Peggy Bott is the next person to be interviewed.

Nominations

- Judi will send a letter to Azzi asking if she intends to resign from the board. She has also approached Bob Riordan to see if he has interest in serving; he is considering it. Dan will contact Leon van de Creek.
- Gary volunteered to update our past presidents' plaque.

The Executive Committee will meet on October 26; the next board meeting is November 2.

The meeting was adjourned on the motion of Peggy Bott and the second of Dan Abrahamowicz.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Whitaker, Secretary