

WSURA Board Minutes: September 04, 2019

Present: Mary Kenton, Joyce Howes, Sheryl Provens, Dick Williams, Gary Barlow, Ruth Schumacher, Dan Abrahamowicz, Judi Engle, Robin Suits, Richard Mercer, Gail Whitaker, Larry Prochaska, Donna Schlagheck, Peggy Bott, Mary Gromosiak

Absent: Kathy Morris, Gary Pacernick, Jerry Alter

BOARD PICTURES

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Special welcome and appreciation to Gail Whitaker.

OFFICER REPORTS

1. August minutes approved
2. President: Larry Prochaska
 - a. will attempt to attain parking passes
 - b. dead lock bolt has been attached to the WSURA door
 - c. board members asked to sign the key inventory listing so Cheryl can type it
 - d. update re Gary Pacernick
 - e. several board members met with Vice-Provost Cheryl Meyer (Larry P; Joyce H; Dan A)
 1. will meet with the Board Nov 6th
 2. Robin asked to provide her with a listing of board members (faculty/staff; affiliation)
 3. she was impressed with our electronic communication
 4. she is interested in us doing volunteer work
 5. Larry and she discussed Board ability to use carry-over funds; she agreed to check
 6. wants to meet with the Board quarterly; Board can discuss a possible winter meeting
 7. asked her to also investigate attaining parking passes for Board members
 8. Board affirmed that WSURA would like to stay in its current location; decision pending
 - f. needs to know, soon, who the Board would like to invite as a speaker; please forward names to Larry
3. President Elect: Dan Abrahamowicz (no report)
4. Past President: Joyce Howes
 - a. researching potential software sharing with other units on campus, since sharing the Alumni Association software is not possible without a high fee to WSURA
 - b. Mary K requested discussion re the kinds of volunteer endeavors in which we want to be involved (university? community? other?); committee formed with Joyce as Chair. Ruth and Richard volunteered to be on the community.
 - c. home coming volunteering announced as available
5. Secretary: Ruth Schumacher
 - a. reminder to board members to please send reports (if any) to Robin Suits
6. Treasurer: Sheryl Provens
 - a. presented and distributed the budget report; discussion followed, including current inability to use carry over funds
 - b. reaffirmed decision to use Patron Fund for reimbursement for the annual picnic expenses (August 2019)
7. Communications: Mary Kenton
 - a. requested picnic photos to be sent to Judy E
 - b. discussed planned content of upcoming publications

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Activities: Mary Gromosiak
 - a. Mary Gromosiak reported on upcoming events
 - b. Joyce H will host our speaker, Tim Wood, Sept 25

- c. Other event dates: October 10 (Dayton Hollywood Harness Racing and Dinner); October 23 (speaker Paul Leonard and brown bag lunch); May 14 (annual luncheon). Details to be posted on line.
2. Membership Development: Judy Engle
 - a. reported on and distributed the picnic evaluation report
 - b. Board members were asked to encourage volunteering for the next picnic among the membership
 - c. Mary G shared May 2020 luncheon ideas; discussion followed
 - a. Mary G suggested including WSURA's intent to honor retirees in the invitation
 - b. proposal to honor retirees in 5 year increments at the luncheon; future discussion to follow
 - c. Judy agreed to design a luncheon program
 - d. asked Larry P to invite each retiree to stand to be recognized
 - e. idea presented to memorialize retirees
 - f. include the winners of the Lew Shupe award in the luncheon program
 - g. discussion re awards, tabled
 3. Bylaws and Elections: Gail Whitaker (no report)
 4. Historical Preservation: Kathy Morris (absent)
 - a. Dan A. noted interviews ready to view on line
 5. Dick Williams: OCHER
 - a. multi page report available upon request
 6. Scholarships: Richard Mercer (no report)
 - a. 3 scholarships were awarded
 - b. Jerry Alter will be joining the committee
 7. Sunshine: Peggy Bott (absent)
 - a. Several deaths respectfully noted
 8. Webmaster: Robin Suits
 - a. reported on electronic newsletter traffic and related matters
 - b. discussion re congratulating new retirees and inviting to join WSURA by note from Emily; hopefully will be automatic. Larry P will develop a letter and send to Judy; Robin will send the listing to Judy; Judy will work with Emily to develop a process.

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Alumni Affairs: Dick Williams (no report)
 - a. Working on their strategic plan
2. Community/National/International Affairs: Donna Schlagheck (no report)
3. Friends of the Libraries: Gary Barlow; Peggy Bott
 - a. WSURA meeting and library tour approved for a future WSURA meeting
 - b. Announced DAI workshop
 - c. Sept 24 5:30pm: Book club mtg at the WSU Library
4. UCIE: Ruth Schumacher (no report)
5. Athletic Council: Larry Prochaska; Mary Kenton (no report)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Abe Basset's maps are in the Board Room
2. Emily Ross is sending her activity log to Larry P.; he will talk with her re working fewer hours over the holidays so that she might be able to secure other employment for that period

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion re need to purchase a mini fridge for the board room; voted down
2. Luncheon committee: Mary G to chair; Gary B and Judy E volunteered for the committee