

## **Wright State University Retirees Association Board of Directors Meeting September 6, 2023**

**Present:** Richard Williams, Donna Schlagheck, Judi Engle, Mary Kenton, David Garrison, Joyce Howes, Barb Bullock, Dan Abrahamowicz, Carolyn Smith, Robin Suits, Peggy Bott, Kathy Morris, and Gail Whitaker

**Absent:** Mary Gromosiak, Jerry Alter

The minutes of the August meeting were approved  
The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

### **Communication: Mary Kenton**

Articles for the next edition of *The Extension* are due by September 15.

### **Membership: Judi Engle**

Letters are ready to go to 30 people who have recently retired from the university. The new directory is in the mail.

### **Activities**

- The Medicare program planned for September 11 at 5:30 in E-163 of the Student Union has over 50 people registered at this point.
- Lee Hannah and Paul Leonard will lead an election update on November 11 from 11:00 to 12:30. Dan will secure a room in the Student Union.
- WSURA and the Friends of the Libraries will sponsor a presentation by Rubin Battino about Charles Taylor, the Wright Brothers' mechanic on October 13 at 11:00 on the 4th Floor of the Library.
- Joyce will contact Tim Wood to move his presentation to after the first of the year, perhaps in March, depending on his availability.
- The Annual Luncheon is scheduled for April 29, 2024. We have reserved the Berry Room, although we have not yet received a formal contract. Kathy Morris will be meeting with the caterers to choose the menu. It was the consensus of the group that we change our format somewhat and not have a guest speaker. One suggestion that was presented was to have a brief trivia competition.
- Other activities that are in the planning stages include: visits to Woodland Cemetery and Carillon Park, Poetry Month in April with David Garrison, and perhaps contacting Liam Anderson for a presentation on the war in Ukraine in February, which will be the second anniversary of the fighting.

### **By-Laws: Joyce Howes**

Joyce is working on changes to incorporate election of officers via email. She is also looking at discontinuing the Annual Membership Meeting.

**Historical Preservation: Kathy Morris**

No updates

**OCHER – Richard Williams and Barb Bullock**

The next meeting will be in September. STRS will be experiencing changes to healthcare insurance (everyone will be on Aetna and CVS) and OPERS will see a 2.8% COLA to eligible members on the anniversary date of their retirement. More to follow after the meeting.

**Scholarships: Mary Kenton**

No report

**Remembrance: Peggy Bott**

There were four deaths, which are recorded on the web page.

**Web Master: Robin Suits**

Fifteen current faculty members joined our mailing list as a result of the Medicare Seminar mailing.

**Alumni Affairs: Dick Williams**

Nothing to report

**Friends of the Libraries – No report**

**Food Pantry: Kathy Morris**

It was suggested that we invite the student workers from the Raider Pantry to our Annual Luncheon.

**Old Business**

Carolyn Smith asked that we have an official motion and vote to donate the \$500 that our 2023 luncheon speaker did not accept to the Raider Food Pantry. The motion was made by Mary Kenton and seconded by Donna Schlagheck. CARRIED

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on the motion of Barb Bullock and the second of Kathy Morris.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Whitaker, Secretary