

## Wright State University Retirees Association Board of Directors Meeting

December 4, 2024

**Present:** Barb Bullock, Carolyn Smith, Joyce Howes, Robin Suits, Dick Williams, Judi Engle, David Garrison

### Officers reports

#### **President—Barb Bullock:**

- Amy Shope-Jones will be arranging a phone-a-thon to retirees (conducted by students) to increase retiree contributions to scholarship funds.
- Possible January luncheon that was previously discussed will not occur.

#### **Communications: Judi Engle**

Judi reported on designing of the next newsletter and wants to encourage retirees to write items for newsletter inclusion. Dick will write a brief article concerning a proposed STRS payout that would provide STRS members with a payout of \$40 for each year worked and for each year in retirement. Barb and Dave (as President and President-Elect) will each prepare a brief summary of their backgrounds for the next newsletter.

### Committee Reports

#### **Events**

- **Estate Planning/Planned Giving--** presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, at 5 pm in the Student Union Endeavor Room
- **Katherine Wright Talk**—Tracey Emerson Wood will present a talk on the book *Katherine, The Wright Sister* on Monday, April 14, at 7 pm in the Apollo Room in the Student Union.
- **Poetry Reading:** Dave Garrison will contact Herbert Woodward Martin (retired UD professor) to read poetry as Paul Laurence Dunbar on Friday, April 4 from 3 – 4:30 pm in the Foundation Building. Dave Garrison made a motion (assuming Mr. Martin is available) that we provide \$100 honorarium. Motion was seconded by Robin Suits and passed unanimously.
- **Annual Luncheon**—to be held on Thursday, May 8, Berry Room, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Speaker will be Athletics Director Joylynn Brown.
- Joyce Howes will work on planning a wetlands walk.

**OCHER:** Dick reported on the Zoom Meeting held on Nov. 13-15.

**Remembrance:** Three retirees passed away. Obituaries are posted on the website.

### Liaisons

**Alumni Affairs:** Joyce will be meeting with them on December 7.

**Raider Food Pantry:** Judi motioned that we provide a \$500 contribution to the Food Pantry and Dave seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

- Board Recruitment: There was a general discussion of ways to increase membership.
- A new directory of WSURA members will need to be prepared in the Spring (by-laws require it be done every two years).
- Barb will prepare an annual report with updated numbers and significant events.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.