

Wright State University Retirees Association Board of Directors

November 1, 2023

Present: Richard Williams, Peggy Bott, Robin Suits, Mary Kenton, Barb Bullock, Dan Abrahamowicz, Carolyn Smith, David Garrison, Joyce Howes and Gail Whitaker

Absent: Donna Schlagheck, Mary Gromosiak, Jerry Alter, Kathy Morris, Gary Barlow and Judi Engle

Guest: Bill Bigham, Director of Planned Giving

President Dick Williams opened the meeting by turning the floor over to Bill Bigham, who talked about cosponsoring one of our events. After a brief discussion, we agreed that Advancement would provide food for our Retirees Picnic in June and would have a table to distribute literature. Bill also told us about the Charitable Gift Annuity through which an individual can create a trust and receive interest from it during their lifetime. Upon the donor's death, the gift reverts to the university.

Communication Committee — Robin Suits reporting for Judi Engle

The Extension is in the mail. There were three new lifetime members this month. Judi secured the Bill Shepard Board Room for Tim Wood's talk on Jan. 11, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. She also suggested that it may be better to move the Picnic from June to September. Following a brief discussion, all agreed.

Treasurer's Report — Carolyn Smith

The report is delayed since all information hasn't been reported in Banner yet.

Activities

- On Nov. 2, the Lee Hannah & Paul Leonard discussion will be in 163 Student Union. Donna will introduce the speakers, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- On Jan. 11, Tim Wood's presentation on invertebrates will be in the Foundation Building, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- In February near the second anniversary of the war in Ukraine, Liam Anderson will discuss the status of the conflict. Time & place TBD.
- On March 16, Robin has secured a block of 25 tickets for the WSU Theatre 2 p.m. matinee of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."
- Future program ideas: Woodlawn Cemetery walk, Carillon Park tour, OPERS presentation (Dick will contact OPERS about this), the future of higher education.

There were no reports from Bylaws, Historical Preservation, OCHER, Scholarships, or the Raider Food Pantry.

Remembrance — Peggy Bott

Three retiree deaths from the past month are recorded on the WSURA website.

Alumni Affairs — Dan Abrahamowicz

The next AA board meeting will be on Dec. 2.

Friends of the Library — Peggy Bott

Peggy reported on the September talk by Rubin Battino that was jointly sponsored with FOL.

Announcements

- The next Executive Committee meeting is Nov. 29.
- Our Board meeting on Dec. 6 will include a carry-in lunch. Bring your own drink.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on the motion of Barb Bullock and second of Carolyn Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Whitaker, Secretary