



**RETIRES ASSOCIATION**  
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

**ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Jack Rhoton,

The meeting was conducted via Zoom

Present were Susan Burkey, Cynthia Burnley, Don Gotterbarn, Jack Rhoton, Bonnie Stanley, Jeff Wardeska, Fred Tudiver, and Lou Modica, Dave Kalwinsky, and Tisha Harrison. Absent were Scott Champney, Chn-Ng Ho, Gail Burleson and Patricia Ramsey.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the February 2020 meeting were approved as printed with one correction in the cost of the Summer Luncheon.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Executive Committee:** Jack Rhoton reported:

- He stated that the health of all members should be in the forefront of decision making.
- He will get something out to all members stating the decisions that are made today.
- We can decide about the annual meeting the first of October. Jack will talk to Dean Blevins ASAP as to using Zoom or recordings that can be viewed at any time.
- Welcome Back Day will be in August. ETSU is planning for Fall classes but it is doubtful if many ETSURA members will show up to assist.

**Membership/Communications:** Cynthia Burnley reported:

- There is really nothing to report as Tisha has been working from home and has not sent out information to recent retirees about ETSURA

**Finance Committee:**

The ending balances were \$4,676.53 in Retirees Association; \$22,021.34 in Life Memberships; Scholarship Endowment \$247,927.81 and \$11,847.88 in Endowment Operating.

It was decided to refund any money that had been sent in for the Summer Luncheon. If Tisha can get the mail, she will just send the checks back to the sender. Tisha will also check on the Permit to Mail cost.

**Program Committee:** Don Gotterbarn reported

- The June Summer Luncheon has been cancelled
- East and Chat has been cancelled
- The Campus Tours have been cancelled
- The September Eat and Chat may be a possibility. Possibly have a Zoom Luncheon.

- The group decided to cancel all events through October.
- Eat and Chat could be taped and then members could watch at any time.
- Dean Blevins has good IT to set up his presentation
- Randy Wykoff is willing to do the same.
- There is some concern with One Acre Café as far as hearing issues, can't use AV materials, and they don't have separate light switches. We should continue to support them by dining there. Areas of concern will be addressed as we move toward the Fall. Meeting in the Culp Center might be a possibility for Eat and Chat. However, parking would be an issue. Parking passes can be issued to ETSURA members.

**University/Community Service Committee:** Jack Rhoton

- ETSU Elevates – Second Harvest, Kingsport City Schools and the City of Kingsport have put together a poster and contact will be made with local businesses. Kingsport can be used as a model to close the gap with all counties in the region and share ideas.
- Second Harvest has suspended volunteers coming into the building and will advise when the program becomes available again.
- Move-In Day – Jack stated he did not feel that many ETSURA members would feel comfortable in assisting. A decision would be made at a later date.

**Liaison Committee:** No report as the Faculty Senate has not met.

**Other items discussed**

The deadline for the June newsletter is May 18<sup>th</sup> and the Newsletter will be sent out in early June.

The state pension plans were mentioned as to their financial stability and it was stated that they are, at present, very secure.

The next meeting of ETSURA will be April 26, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom

Susan Burkey

Recording Secretary