



**EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
RETIREES ASSOCIATION**

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**RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, March 25, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ethel Garrity, President-elect, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The following members were present: Susan Campbell, Tod Jablonski, Charles Moore, Jerry Rust, Phyllis Taylor, Priscilla Ramsey, Ted Hughes, Mike Miyamoto, and Rachel Henry. Diana McClay represented the Human Resources' staff.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:** It was moved by Charles Moore and seconded by Ted Hughes that the minutes be approved as corrected. (The correction was to the spelling of Fred Sauceman's name.)

**Executive Committee:** Ethel Garrity reported on the next Eat and Chat. The location has been changed to the Innovation Lab, 2109 West Market Street at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Lunch will be catered by Chick-fil-A. The cost is \$10 which includes tip, tax and beverages. Reservations must be made prior to the event by calling Ethel at 282-2045 or by email [bobandethelg@yahoo.com](mailto:bobandethelg@yahoo.com). This information is in the current newsletter. Dr. Audrey Depelteau, Director, ETSU Innovation Lab, will present "*Climate Change: Truth and Consequences, a Global Perspective.*" Following the program and lunch we will tour the Innovation Lab.

After our April Eat and Chat, the next three Eat and Chats will be at Shoney's. This will begin on Tuesday, September 9. Shoney's is located at 2020 N Roan St., Johnson City. Our speakers will be announced at a later date. We must be seated by 10:30 a.m. in order to get the breakfast buffet at a cost of \$7.49 including coffee, tea and tip. Juice is not included. If someone comes later they will have to purchase the lunch buffet. There are outlets available in the room for our program speakers.

Our annual picnic date has been confirmed at Rotary Park for Friday, June 13, 2014 at 11a.m. Drs. Collins and Bishop will attend. After discussion it was determined that people would rather visit than to have entertainment at the picnic. Ted Hughes will obtain pricing information for the food.

The annual luncheon dates were discussed. Ethel Garrity has pricing information from the Holiday Inn in Johnson City and we have pricing information that Ken Mijeski obtained from the Johnson City Country Club. The Millennium Center is too costly without a sizeable donation to offset expenditures.

Pricing between the Holiday and the Johnson City Country Club is close. The difference between the Holiday Inn and the Johnson City Country Club is \$400. Ethel Garrity feels that the Johnson Country Club would be more suitable to our needs. Johnson City Country Club may provide the decorations. This will be confirmed. Jeff Anderson has pledged \$500 again for this year however, these funds are not to be used toward food purchases. Ethel Garrity will confirm this information. Ethel will also contact Lisa Shipley of Eastman to see if we might obtain some financial assistance from Eastman

The dates considered for the annual meeting are October 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Noland can attend any of these dates; however, on October 10<sup>th</sup> he will not be available until 12 p.m. Following much discussion Priscilla Ramsey moved that our annual luncheon be held on October 17, 2014, at the Johnson City Country Club if all our requirements can be worked out between Ethel Garrity and the Johnson City Country Club. The motion was seconded by Susan Campbell. Motion carried.

Tod Jablonski attended the Faculty Senate meeting for his first time representing ETSURA. They talked about the ethics code for faculty and the issues regarding the code. There is no statute of limitations which could cause future problems. The TN Promise was also discussed regarding the impact this plan may have on four year institutions. We should contact our congressmen now as this bill is not a given making our feelings known.

Diana McClay advised that all the ETSURA newsletters are being posted on the website.

**Communications:** Mike Miyamoto and Phyllis Taylor reported. Phyllis explained that emails are sent to all who have given their email information while all others are placed on a calling list. Committee members are assigned names and phone numbers and contact these members regarding upcoming activities.

**Finance Committee:** Charles Moore reported: Operating Fund Account: \$1,836.08; Life Membership Account: \$18,165.00; Scholarship Endowment Investment Account: \$179,783.37; Endowment Interest Income Account; \$11,917.66; ETSURA Special Projects Fund: \$240.21.

Charles Moore commented on our scholarship fund. He will check into how many scholarships were granted last year. If changes are to be made to this fund, Kathy Feagins will need to be contacted.

**Membership:** Priscilla Ramsey reported. Currently we have 320 members. The committee will meet soon and report at that time.

There were no further committee reports at this time.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Charles Moore and seconded by Phyllis Taylor. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. As a footnote to our meeting, Ted Hughes remarked that this was the shortest meeting on record during his current term of office.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Henry, Secretary