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**RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 29, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: Ken Mijeski, President, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The following members were present: Ethel Garrity, 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 Tod Jablonski and seconded by Ted Hughes that the minutes be approved.

Executive Committee: Ken Mijeski reported regarding the ETSURA office telephone disconnection. Due to budget matters the University will be disconnecting the ETSURA's office telephone on April 30th unless our board members feel we should cover the cost of the telephone from ETSURA's budget. After some discussion it was determined that our ETSURA office receives so few calls proving no justification to maintain a telephone in the office. Therefore disconnection is recommended by the board members.

All ETSURA newsletters 1988 to present have been posted on our website.

Ken Mijeski met with Marla Hayman, HR's Training Manager, regarding the retirement series sessions. In their meeting they went over suggestions for the retirement sessions. These will be held in October and November. Meetings on the main campus will be in the morning hours while meetings on the VA campus would take place in the evenings. Details will be worked out over the next few months.

Communications Committee: Mike Miyamoto reported that he has gone through the 2014 membership list and identified members without internet access but excluded those without a 376xx zip code. (There are 51.) There are 4 members without internet or telephone numbers. Letters will be sent to the 4 members without internet or telephone numbers. There are 6 members willing to make reminder calls for upcoming events. They are: Susan Campbell, Amy Hecht, Ted Hughes, Willene Paxton, Bob Riser and Phyllis Taylor. Each would have a list of 8 or 9 contacts.

Finance Committee: Charles Moore reported: Operating Fund Account: \$1,597.39; Life Membership Account: \$18,315.00; Scholarship Endowment Investment Account: \$179,880.37; Endowment Interest Income Account; \$11,917.66; ETSURA Special Projects Fund: \$250.50; Total Assets: \$211,960.92.

Membership Committee: Priscilla Ramsey reported that as soon as classes are over she will call a meeting of the Membership Committee. Currently there are 345.

Program Committee: Ethel Garrity announced a total of 29 attended the April 16th Eat and Chat held at the Innovation Lab. Dr. Audrey Depelteau's program was well received. The next event will be the picnic on June 13th at Harris Pavilion in Rotary Park. Ethel has obtained pricing from Red Pig. Red Pig's cost will be approximately \$400. Approximate cost for postage is \$150 and for ice is \$15. Rotary Park's charge is \$65 which has been paid. Last year the cost to members was \$7. Ted Hughes suggested that pricing be obtained from Ridgewood Barbeque. After discussion was held regarding the member cost to the picnic a motion was made by Jerry Rust to charge \$7 for this year's picnic. The motion was seconded by Priscilla Ramsey. Motion was carried.

Ethel Garrity, Ted Hughes and Priscilla Ramsey will check into other sources and will determine which menu selection will be best while fitting into our budget requirements for the picnic. Ethel will provide the information for the ETSURA's newsletter to Diana McClay by the deadline of May 15th.

ETSURA annual meeting will be October 17th at the Johnson City County Club. (JCCC) Eastman Credit Union has once again pledged a \$2,500 donation to ETSURA to offset the luncheon expense. Last year's cost to our members was \$15 while the previous year was \$12.50. Suggestions for entertainment were discussed. A smaller entertainment group should be considered due to cost. Ethel Garrity will investigate. Diana McClay advised that someone verify with JCCC that they will bill for the luncheon. Ken Mijeski will check with JCCC. After discussion Tod Jablonski moved that the annual luncheon meeting cost be \$15 to our membership. The motion was seconded by Ted Hughes. Motion carried.

University/Community Service Committee: No report at this time.

Liaison Committee: Bill Fisher advised that all legislation is finished for this session. Three people are retiring after 44 years of service. The following items were remarked: the budget is 32.4 billion; no raises; no new taxes; annexation vote; election in November; new state retirement starts in fall; defined benefits or defined contributions with employees contributing to the cost; and this fall \$95 will be charged to those who do not have Obama care.

Tod Jablonski reported on the April meeting of the Faculty Senate. The statute of limitations was discussed. Tod pointed out to the Senate that, while they voted on amendments, the original motion was never voted on therefore, the plan is not ready to be presented to the faculty.

At the Faculty Senate meeting they also discussed the TN Promise and how it will cost the 4 year institutions to lose money.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Priscilla Ramsey and seconded by Ted Hughes. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Rachel Henry, Secretary