



RETIREES ASSOCIATION
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 19, 2014

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

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES: It was moved by Ted Hughes and seconded by Jerry Rust that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was carried.

Executive Committee: The "Planning Your Retirement --- Workshop Schedule, Fall 2014" sponsored by the ETSURA was distributed to all Board members. The first session will be September 17, 2014, with Jerry Rust, Priscilla Ramsey and Charles Moore at the 10 a.m. session and at the 6 p.m. session: Ethel Garrity, Phyllis Taylor and Mike Miyamoto. Introductions will be handled by Ken Mijeski and Ethel Garrity.

The next two sessions were discussed. The following was determined: those attending the September 23rd session at 11 a.m. are Susan Campbell and Charles Moore in the Culp Forum room and at the 5 p.m. session are Rachel Henry and Ethel Garrity in the Stanton-Gerber Small Auditorium; those attending the October 1st session at 11 a.m. are Ted Hughes and Jerry Rust in the Culp Forum room and at the 1 p.m. session are Phyllis Taylor and Priscilla Ramsey in the Stanton-Gerber Small Auditorium.

Jerry Rust asked a question referring to the TIAA annuity and how it works with a person's retirement if that person had been enrolled in the TIAA annuity at one time. He wondered what unique subjects should be addressed at the retirement workshops. Diana McClay said if any unusual topics should arise, those inquiring should be advised to contact Tammy Hamm in Human Resources.

There are four board members rotating off the board. They are Susan Campbell, Phyllis Taylor, Rachel Henry and Priscilla Ramsey. Ted Hughes volunteered to chair next year's nominating committee with the assistance of the four members who are rotating off the Board. Priscilla Ramsey will accept the nomination for another three year term. Phyllis Taylor will contact David Kalwinsky confirming that he will accept the nomination for a three year term. Ted Hughes will, with the committee's help, contact others to obtain two or more other people to accept the nomination to serve a three year term.

Diana McClay announced that the ETSU retirees have given twelve \$500 scholarships out for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Communications Committee: Mike Miyamoto had no new information to report. He will obtain the list of new members. His committee will call all on their contact list advising them of the September 9th Eat and Chat. They will advise all that they must be seated by 10:15 a.m. to receive the special price for the breakfast buffet. Diana McClay said her student workers will be back next week and she will have the newsletter out early with all the Eat and Chat details included.

Finance Committee: Charles Moore reported: Operating Fund Account: \$4,266.10; Life Membership Account: \$19,065.00; Scholarship Endowment Investment Account: \$178,476.66; Endowment Interest Income Account; \$15,342.62; ETSURA Special Projects Fund: \$250.50; Total Assets: \$217,400.88.

The June 2014 picnic report was presented by Ethel Garrity as follows: The annual picnic was held at Rotary Park at a cost of \$65 (Ethel Garrity has been reimbursed); the invitation postage cost was \$46.77; the charge from Chick-fill-A was \$450 (Ted Hughes has been reimbursed); and a thank you has been sent for the ice that was donated. With 78 attending at a cost of \$7 per person, the total receipts were \$576 reflecting a loss of \$15.77. The picnic was a success and enjoyed by all who attended.

Membership Committee: Pricilla Ramsey did have one new member join as the result of the follow up notes which were sent out to prospective members.

Program Committee: Ethel Garrity reported on our annual meeting to be held on October 17, 2014, at the Johnson City Country Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ethel reported the Dean of the Medical School, Dr. Robert T. Mean Jr., is to be the speaker. Ethel has left a message with the Music Department and to date has not received a reply.

Susan Campbell moved that a charge of \$15 be set for the annual meeting luncheon. The motion was seconded by Priscilla Ramsey. The motion was carried. It was also noted that every effort should be made to encourage attendance so that we will have 100 paid people attending.

The menu was discussed and determined as follows: oven roasted pork loin; southern fried chicken; scrambled eggs; French toast with fruit sauce; oven roasted red skin potatoes; mixed vegetables; fresh fruit cobbler and a brownie sundae bar. Ethel Garrity will check to ensure that rolls, butter, and beverages are also included.

University/Community Service Committee: Ethel Garrity reported for Bobbie Lewis. Our volunteers will only be needed for move-in day on Thursday, August 21st. Priscilla Ramsey will bring coffee and Charles Moore will provide donuts. Those assisting from 7:30 a.m. thru 10 a.m. are Ted Hughes, Charles Moore, Priscilla Ramsey and Ethel Garrity and from 10 a.m. thru 12 noon those assisting are Ethel Garrity, Ken Mijeski, Kendra Mijeski and Susan Campbell. Ted Hughes will not be able to attend however Betty Tester has agreed to come in his place. Ethel will provide name tags. Diana McClay will have the new ETSURA banner on display. The banner will be displayed on August 21st.

Liaison Committee: Bill Fisher has not received any information from Austin Peay regarding the Fall Creek Falls agenda. Three items for subjects to be discussed are still needed. Send suggestions to Bill.

Some items touched on by Bill were: Tony Shipley was defeated by a Kingsport patrolman; from *The Tennessee Journal* "All three Democratic state Supreme Court judges won new eight-year terms Thursday, overcoming a campaign to replace them led by Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey." Reporting from *The Kiplinger Letter* regarding Detroit's new pension plan; "Detroit city workers recently voted to reduce their monthly pensions by 4.5% and get rid of cost-of-living increases."

Bill talked about the interest in Wellmont. Many area people including President Noland strongly feel that the Wellmont hospital system should remain local.

Betty Tester, Jerry Gehre, Bill Fisher and the Dean of Public Health met with research students who had unique handouts regarding Medicare. It was very interesting.

Ted Hughes announced that the College of Nursing will be celebrating their 60th anniversary. There are 6,500 nursing alumni. The College of Nursing is the largest in the state.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Rachel Henry, Secretary