



RETIREES ASSOCIATION

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President David Kalwinsky. Members present: Gail Burlison, Mike Miyamoto, Priscilla Ramsey, Judith Story, Jeff Wardeska, Jack Rhoton, and John Hancock. Members absent – Tod Jablonski, Jerry Gehre, and Don Carter. Diana McClay and Krista Richesin represented the Office of Human Resources.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of the September 26, 2017 were approved with editorial changes and accepted. Correction: Jack Rhoton was present at the September 26, 2017 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) **Executive Committee:** Dave Kalwinsky finalized plans for the ETSURA Annual Meeting on November 3. Reverend George Rolling will do the invocation instead of Jerry Gehre. Second Harvest Food Bank will be present and will have a table setup with information. Dave will conduct the election of new members by acclamation. Priscilla will collect some additional door prizes from university offices/departments. After the meeting is over, table decorations will be distributed by a designation on the meeting program, one per table. Priscilla will pick up a banner from Eastman Credit Office in Johnson City so that they can be recognized for their financial support of the Annual Meeting. THERA Annual Meeting: Dave and Mike Miyamoto will be attending.
- b) **Communications and Membership Committees:** Chair Judy Story announced that there are 348 members of ETSURA. Seventeen letters of invitation were sent out to new retirees.
- c) **Finance Committee:** Jeff Wardeska reported for the Finance Committee. As of October 17th: Operating Fund Account – \$7,824.68; Life Membership Account Fund - \$20,584.21; Scholarship Endowment Investment Account Fund - \$205,791.36; Endowment Interest Income Account Fund - \$18,051.32, ETSURA Special Projects Fund- \$271.08 for a total of \$252,522.65.
- d) **Program Committee:** Chair Mike Miyamoto suggested Doug Taylor for the February 13th Eat n Chat at the Golden Corral. Doug is with the medical school. Mike displayed some of the items for door prizes in theme of the Model Mill renovation by the Annual Meeting guest speaker, Grant Summers.

- e) **University/Community Service Committee:** Dave will encourage members attending the Annual Meeting to increase the numbers volunteering at the Second Harvest Food Bank and send out reminders by email for upcoming dates.

- f) **Liaison Committee:** Priscilla Ramsey reported the on the last two meetings of the ETSU Faculty Senate. The two proposals recommending changes in the SAI procedure and Student Grade Appeal were voted on: the former was voted down, and the latter was withdrawn. TUFs constitution updates were approved. Pam Ritter, Vice President of ETSU Advancement presented her report for 2016-2017. Philanthropic giving totaled more than 2.5 million, there were six new endowments in the College of Arts and Sciences, Eastman Credit Union made a major gift to the new engineering program, and a large gift was made for the renovation of VA Building 60, the Interprofessional Education and Research Center, among others. Troy Perdue, Deputy Council gave a timely presentation on the First Amendment, freedom of speech; what is considered legal, and what is not considered legal.

- g) Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ramsey, Secretary