



RETIREES ASSOCIATION

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting Tuesday April 26, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by President Mike Miyamoto. Members present were: Mike Miyamoto, Ethel Garrity, Jerry Gehre, Charles Moore, Tod Jablonski, David Kalwinsky, Georgia Greer, Candy Stieler, Priscilla Ramsey, Judy Story, and Ken Mijeski. Ted Hughes was absent. Diana McClay represented Human Resources.

Sunny Sandos, JD, Executive Director of Planned Giving, University Advancement was a guest. Ms. Sandos presented a list of some options for endowment of scholarships, handed out her business cards and invited members to get in touch with her. There are currently 376 scholarship endowments. New endowments may be started for as little as \$20,000.

2. **PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:** It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved with suggested changes. Minutes were then approved unanimously.
3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a) Executive Committee: Dr. Mike Miyamoto, Chair: No report.
 - b) Communications Committee: Dr. Priscilla Ramsey, Chair: Priscilla reported that the call list has been divided among committee members and calls were made for the April 7 Eat and Chat. Priscilla has cards to be sent to shut-ins and those who are not well. She is waiting for a list of names.
 - c) Finance Committee: Mr. Charles Moore, Chair: Charles presented the following report: Operating Account \$4,691.06; Life Membership Account \$20,326.41; Scholarship Endowment Investment Account \$198,850.73; Endowment Interest Income Account \$14,552.23 and ETSURA Special Projects Fund \$271.08 for a total of \$238,691.51.
 - d) Membership Committee: Dr. Priscilla Ramsey, Chair: There were 7 new members /renewals April to date. Total membership: 355. Priscilla has drafted a letter that will be sent to new retirees about ETSURA and its benefits.
 - e) Program Committee: Dr. David Kalwinsky :
The April Eat and Chat was held on April 7. Dr. Fred Alsop presented a wonderful program on the Eagles' Nest Project.

The Annual Picnic will be held on Friday, June 17. It will take place at the DEPOT at Franklin Commons in the new Food City. Dave will invite Jeremy Ross as a guest.

Priscilla has invited “Doc” Sander, Athletic Director, and Yasser Zaatini, Director of Tennis and Men’s Head Coach. She also hopes to invite Lindsey Devine, Women’s Head Volleyball Coach. Ethel reported that Pam Ritter, Director, University Advancement will be unable to attend. Dave is still hoping to contact Tina Lavine, Volunteer Coordinator, Second Harvest, to invite her. Dave will contact Anna Stanley at The Depot, Food City to go over our plans. Board members will be available at the door to direct picnic attendees to The Depot.

Mike Miyamoto has also spoken with Geoff Stunkard who is willing to speak on the Railroad Museum at the September Eat and Chat. We are currently looking at September 8 or 15.

Dave has spoken with the President’s Office and with the Johnson City Country Club about dates for the Annual Meeting. Dr. Noland is now available for October 14 and the Country Club can do that date as well. Ethel has spoken with Eastman Credit Union about a donation for the Annual Meeting and expects to hear from them soon. Ed Snodderly is available for musical entertainment and for a short talk about the history of The Downhome. Mike will invite either Steve Wallace or Blaine Schubert from the Fossil Site to be our speaker.

- f) University/Community Service Committee: Dr. Jerry Gehre reported that ETSURA volunteered on Thursday, April 14 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Second Harvest Food Bank with members of the ETSU Women’s Soccer team plus two Graduate Assistant coaches. 1,100 Backpacks for Kids were packed and the retirees were worn out!
 - g) Liaison Committee: Mr. Tod Jablonski reported that three topics have been under discussion: 1) A mechanism to appoint one faculty member as a member of the new local ETSU Board; 2) Ethics, and 3) Faculty/Student Matters.
4. **ADJOURNMENT**: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Garrity, Secretary