



RETIREES ASSOCIATION

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm by Vice President Dave Kalwinsky. Members present were: Dave Kalwinsky, Ethel Garrity, Charles Moore, Georgia Greer, Judy Story, Ted Hughes, Jerry Gehre, Tod Jablonski, and Don Carter. Diana McClay represented Human Resources. Priscilla Ramsey, Ken Mijeski and Mike Miyamoto were absent.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES: It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Minutes were then approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee: Dr. Jerry Gehre presented copies of the invitation to attend the 2017 THERA (Tennessee Higher Education Retiree Association) meeting, November 6-7 at Fall Creek Falls. It is important that ETSURA have a good turnout as Dr. Bill Fisher will be honored as the Founder of THERA. There will be presentations from UTK, ETSU, U of M and any others wishing to speak. Jerry will make the ETSU presentation.

Jerry and Betty Gehre, Charles Moore, Ethel Garrity and Judy Story will attend. ETSURA will reimburse them up to \$100 each as in the past upon presentation of receipts. Ethel Garrity will send these names to Michael Betz at UTK. Diana has already sent a \$45.00 check for meeting and reception costs.

Diana and Angela will work on ETSURA's poster board highlighting our activities and will assemble "goody bags". Ethel will speak about ONE activity highlighting our volunteer activities including Move-in-Day, Second Harvest, WETS, and the Golf Tournament.

The deadline for the December Newsletter is November 29.

Communications Committee: Dr. Priscilla Ramsey, Chair: Ethel Garrity reported that calls were made to members without e-mail addresses notifying them of the Annual Luncheon.

Finance Committee: Mr. Charles Moore, Chair: Charles presented the following report: Operating Account \$7039.91, Life Membership Account \$20,043.74; Scholarship Endowment Investment Account \$196,288.80; Endowment Interest Income Account \$20,410.18 and ETSURA Special Projects Fund \$271.08 for a total of \$244,053.71. Charles noted that the Operating Account Balance does not include payment for the Picnic which has been made.

We realized a net gain of \$856.87 from the Annual Luncheon.

A Draft Foundation Fund Raising Letter was presented for approval to be mailed in December to ETSURA members. It was decided to include information on Dr. Mack Davis in the letter since recent retirees do not know who he was.

We also discussed inviting Sarah and Parker Davis to our picnic next June and presenting them with plaques for their generous donations each year to the endowment fund. They are both graduates of ETSU. Ted Hughes will speak with University Advancement to see who is in charge of solicitations made to them to see if the Endowment is in their estate plans.

We also revisited the amount of the scholarships which is not under our control. Each recipient is given \$500 per year. Although this is a relatively small amount the students are very appreciative. The scholarships usually continue for 4 years if the student is in good standing.

Membership Committee: Dr. Priscilla Ramsey, Chair: The total membership is 368. Priscilla will send letters to the new members listed in the new retirees listed in the October agenda.

Program Committee: Dr. Dave Kalwinsky, Chair: The Annual Meeting/Luncheon was deemed a great success. Many people commented that this was the best meeting that they had ever attended. Ed Snodderly of the Downhome provided the entertainment and the speaker was Dr. Steven Wallace of the Gray Fossil Site. Decorations were donated by University Advancement and provided by Linda Newman of Balloon-A-Tics. They included stuffed animals purchased at the Fossil Site gift shop which were then given as table prizes.

These were animals found at the site for the most part. The pictures that Linda used to present the animals were given to the Fossil Site at the end of the luncheon. Linda spent countless hours on these decorations. Door prizes were two large stuffed animals and two CDs by Ed Snodderly.

Dave will write to Dr. Wallace thanking him and Ethel will write to Chuck Perry, Regional Director of Greater Johnson City for Eastman Credit Union thanking him for their generous donation.

Other Guests were Pam Ritter and Sunny Sandos from University Advancement.

Dave will schedule Thursday, February 9 and Wednesday, April 5 as the Eat and Chat winter/spring dates with the Golden Corral. Program ideas are welcome.

University/Community Service Committee: Dr. Jerry Gehre, Co-Chair
Ted Hughes volunteered at the Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate at Blackthorn Golf tournament on Sunday, October 16.

Wednesday, November 9 is the next day to volunteer at Second Harvest from 9:00 am to noon. We have been invited to join the Senior Center volunteers on their bus if we wish. They leave the Senior Center at 8:15 am and usually go somewhere for lunch. Anyone wishing to do this should be at the Center by 8:15 am.

Charles and Jerry volunteered at WETS on October 20. There will be another opportunity from December 12-16. Hours are from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday-Friday only. Four volunteers work per shift and shifts are typically 2 hours long. The contact for this is Chad Barrett at 327-1378.

Liaison Committee: Tod Jablonski: Tod handed out a ten-point list of the Teaching Work Group Recommendations. The full report can be seen at: <http://etsupws.etsu.edu/RFC/>.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Garrity, Secretary