



RETIREES ASSOCIATION

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

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

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of the October 31, 2017 were approved and accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) **Executive Committee:** Dave Kalwinsky gave a report on the THERA meeting in November. Mike and Janis Miyamoto and Dave attended. It was sponsored by Austin Peay University. There are two programs for retirees at Austin-Peay that were of interest called the Connections Program, similar to ETSU's ACL for continued education, and the Star Program presented by their HR Office for upcoming retirees on benefits and other information. UTC and U of Memphis also attended. Plans are underway for a next year planning session in March.

Dave announced that Don Carter resigned as next year's ETSURA President due to health reasons but would like to remain as a board member.

2018 ETSURA new officers were elected: President- Elect-Jeff Wardeska, Secretary- Susan Burkey, and Treasurer-Gail Burleson.

- b) **Communications and Membership Committees:** Chair Judy Story announced that there are 348 members of ETSURA. Five letters of invitation were sent out to new retirees.
- c) **Finance Committee:** Jeff Wardeska reported for the Finance Committee. As of November 17th: Operating Fund Account – \$8,679.31; Life Membership Account Fund - \$20,742.91; Scholarship Endowment Investment Account Fund - \$208,648.87; Endowment Interest Income Account Fund - \$18,051.32, ETSURA Special Projects Fund- \$271.08 for a total of \$256,393.49. This year the Annual Meeting netted \$1,087.71.

- d) **Program Committee:** Chair Mike Miyamoto announced that Doug Taylor will be the speaker for the February 15th Eat n Chat at the Golden Corral. Doug is with the medical school. Mike suggested Bob Patton, former faculty and state legislator, and Randy Wyckoff of the College of Public Health for future speakers. The Jonesborough Novelty Band was another idea for next year's Annual Meeting entertainment.

- e) **University/Community Service Committee:** Jerry Gehre: Dave will continue to contact members about volunteering at the Second Harvest Food Bank with reminders by email for upcoming dates. Next service date is Dec 13.

- f) **Liaison Committee:** No report. Faculty Senate resumes Jan. 29, 2018.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ramsey, Secretary