



RETIRES ASSOCIATION
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom by Jack Rhoton. Members present were Jack Rhoton, Susan Burkey, Priscilla Ramsey, Charles Moore, Cynthia Burnley, Don Gotterbarn, David Kalwinsky, Norma Hogan, Jeff Wardeska, Fred Tudiver, Scott Champney and Tisha Harrison

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 2021 meeting were approved as emailed with one correction (statement about Wilsie Bishop was removed.).

It was suggested that, at the next in-person meeting, Wilsie Bishop be awarded a life-time membership in ETSURA. Fred and Norma can address this in the Spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Jack Rhoton reported:

- Susan Burkey will not continue on the Board. Norma Hogan will assume the position of Board Secretary. Tisha can send out the slate of officers to the membership. This can be brought to everyone's attention at the end of the November Zoom meeting. Members can then call or email their vote. A note needs to be sent to Tisha approving the officers.
- The Program for the November 5th meeting will be Robert Pack. Ideas are needed for programs for 2022. Suggestions were the Director of the Martin Center; the League of Women Voters; the new Provost; Randy Wykoff; the Dean of the School of Nursing; the Milligan, ETSU and NESTCC Consortium; What the Pandemic has done to ETSU as a whole – the President and Provost - How is ETSU moving forward; College of Medicine – cutting edge research; Dept. of Psychology – Abusive Childhood Experiences;
- For the three Eat and Chat, suggestions were Director of the JC Public Library; 2nd Harvest; JC Mayor or City Manager; Adam Dickson – Political Science

Membership Committees: Cynthia Burnley reported

- There were 4 new September retirees
- The letter to be sent out will be updated and will send out before the November Eat and Chat.

Finance Committee – Tisha Harrison reported

- The fund balances are Retirees Assoc. \$ 5,139.53; Life Membership - \$26,787.38; Scholarship Endowment \$266,164.42 and Endowment Operating - \$17, 687.41.
- The question was raised as to the difference in Ret. Assn. balance from September. Tisha will check – it was probably postage and envelope expense
- Charles will work with Pat Barcel to explain the balances.
- Scholarship money will show in the January report – there are 5 recipients @ \$1,000. There are currently 12 students on scholarship that are a carry-over. Tisha does have the names of the students.

Service Committee – Jack Rhoton reported

- Numbers volunteering at Second Harvest have increased. For those who wish to come, it is the 2nd Wednesday (October 13th) from 8:00 a.m. – Noon. There doesn't seem to be enough work to fill the entire time. Jack will mention this to Renee at 2nd Harvest.
- It was mentioned that the Gray Fossil Sight needs volunteers
- Check-in day at Governor's Hall has not been done in the last 2 years but may resume in 2022.
- Bucky's Coat Drive for students is another possibility. Tisha will check on the location.

Liaison Committee – Priscilla Ramsey reported

She had no report other than enrollment is up 13.9%

Other Business:

The newsletter will go out in December. Priscilla will have an article in it. The deadline is November 15th for articles. Jack will have a summary of the Martin Center Tour.

For the November 5th meeting, Fred will introduce Robert Pack; Zoom invites will go out on October 27th and a reminder on November 1st.

The slate of officers will go out in the next week.

Will there be a music presentation and how long will it last?

It was noted that Bonny Stanley is having health issues.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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