



ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting

Minutes DRAFT

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at Langston Center by Fred Tudiver. Members present were Jack Rhoton, Priscilla Ramsey, Charles Moore, Cynthia Burnley, Norma Hogan, Fred Tudiver, Bonny Stanley, Don Gotterbarn, and Tisha Harrison.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March 29, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously as emailed, with one minor change under Liaison Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Fred Tudiver, President

The members of the board reviewed the agenda and had no changes.

Program Committee: Fred Tudiver, Don Gotterbarn, Norma Hogan, Scott Champney, Chairs

Discussion of the schedule of events and questions

- May Board Meeting, May 24 or 31, In person or Zoom?: The next meeting will be May 24 by Zoom. We will wait to decide between Zoom and In-person for future meetings. Tish will reserve a room, probably in Burgin-Dosset, when we decide to meet in person.
- June 9 Summer Luncheon at Food City 11:30 a.m.: Flyers will go in the mail in a few days. It will be a picnic-type lunch. Our cost will be \$12.58; we will charge \$15.
- June - No Board Meeting
- July – No Board Meeting
- August 30 – Board Meeting
- September – Eat and Chat being planned with a speaker from the League of Women Voters – Date TBA
- September 27 – Board Meeting

- October 25 – Board Meeting
- November 10 – Annual Meeting – Johnson City Country Club has been reserved. Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Provost, will speak, and Dr. Noland tentatively will attend and introduce her. Tish will check on decorations. The ETSU Foundation may provide some small gifts. Extensive discussion of the various meal options and cost. The costs for the plated meal or even the cheaper buffet option plus drink and tax charges mean we would have to charge \$35-45 per person. We don't feel many people would pay that much.

Jack has checked with personnel at Tennessee Eastman, and they may help us some. We will know soon enough to inform our decision and permit more specific calculations. We need to make more continuous contact with the folks at Eastman. Discussion of past efforts to publicize their support and invite them to the event. Discussion of the effect of \$1,500-\$2,000 on the charge to members at various price points.

- November 29 – Board Meeting

Membership Committees: Cynthia Burnley reported.

There were the following new retirees/members:

Lifetime New Members:

Cecil and Rachel Blankenship
Judy Slagle

Annual New Members:

James V. Lewis
Styron Harris

March Retirees

Mr. Timothy Erwin, University School, Instructor
Dr. Koyamangalath Krishnan, Internal Medicine, Professor/Chair of Excellence
Dr. Barbara Lowe, Office of Admissions, Advisor
Dr. Wendy Nehring, Nursing Graduate Programs, Associate Professor
Mr. Stephen Palmer, Custodial Services, Associate Director
Dr. Kimberly Sell, Nursing Undergraduate Programs, Associate Professor
Ms. Svetlana Wright, Family Medicine, Manager

Finance Committee – Charles Moore, Chair and Treasurer, reported.

- The fund balances are Retirees Assoc. \$5,250.19; Life Membership - \$27,187.38; Scholarship Endowment - \$275,995.69 and Endowment Operating - \$13,187.41
- We will spend \$350 for the teller for the fall meeting. We could spend a bit on the summer luncheon, if necessary.

- Discussion of life membership funds. The money is held by the foundation until the member dies. Then, Tish completes a form to move the money to the scholarship Fund.

University/ Community Service Committee – Charles Moore, Jack Rhoton, Chair, reported.

- June 8, Second Harvest: Dr. Noland is scheduled to be there. We would like to have a good showing. Time, as usual, will be 8 a.m. to noon. Generally, members come around 9-10 a.m.

Liaison Committee – Priscilla Ramsey, chair, reported.

Faculty Senate report for March:

- Reminder that, if ETSURA Board or members identify any issues, these can go to Faculty Senate through our representative. The President of Faculty Senate, who meets with Dr. Noland regularly, also can take our issues to him.
- Some members want the President's Trust dinner to start up again. Discussion. The event is expensive and black tie "optional" may be awkward.
- Recently, most discussions at Faculty Senate have been administrative matters such as election of officers, changes the Provost has made administratively in her office, preparation for accreditation, etc.
- There is a proposal to create an "Expert Gallery" to make the quality of our faculty known to the public, for example, by including profiles of faculty speakers, student research, dissertations, grants, etc. Discussion of what information should be made public, given the current climate.
- A new building for the humanities is in programming stage.
- The University Commons will be extended to the football stadium. Discussion. We do not know whether the two roads it will cross will be closed.
- Don Gotterbarn asked if there are volunteer opportunities for our retirees on campus. Priscilla will take the question for consideration. Discussion of Bucky's Pantry; apparently, they have enough volunteers.
- Jack rotates off at the end of the year, and Don may be a replacement for him.

Other Business and Miscellaneous:

Our next meeting will be May 24, 2022 via Zoom.

There being no further business, Fred adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m, and Adam Dixon, Director of the Langston Center gave the board members a tour of the facility and described its history.

--Norma Hogan, Recording Secretary