



ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting

Minutes DRAFT

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Zoom by Fred Tudiver. Members present were Jack Rhoton, Charles Moore, Cynthia Burnley, Norma Hogan, Fred Tudiver, Chung Ho, and Tisha Harrison.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 22, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously as emailed. Jack moved acceptance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Fred Tudiver, President

Fred added an item to the agenda—discussion of replacing members who will rotate off.

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

Fred noted that the Program Committee has not met face to face since the beginning of COVID; he does contact members when he needs input prior to board meetings.

Discussion of the schedule of events and questions

- June 9 Summer Luncheon at Food City 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.: Tisha has sent out the invitations and has received about 32 responses. Discussion of additional board members and spouses who will attend, totaling about 37 individuals so far. Attendees can pay at the door; cash is preferable to provide change. The speaker will be Kiran Singh Sirah, President of the International Storytelling Center. The storyteller has changed to James Corvis Howard, a graduate of ETSU's storytelling program.
- June - No Board Meeting
- July – No Board Meeting
- August 30 – Board Meeting: Fred suggested that we may meet face to face. We will assess this later.

- September 20 – Eat and Chat is being planned for Culp Center. Joy Fulkerson from the League of Women’s Voters will be the speaker.
- September 27 – Board Meeting
- October 25 – Board Meeting
- November 10 – Annual Meeting – Johnson City Country Club – Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Provost, will be the speaker. President Noland will introduce her, if he is able to attend.
 - Discussion of costs: Tish showed three menu options and projected costs. Prices have gone up considerably over previous years. The group like the third option (the second lunch option—chicken, pork loin, salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, cherry cobbler with vanilla ice cream. The total cost (meal, beverage, room charge, tip, and taxes) will be \$45.97, rounded up to \$50.
 - Good news: Jack contacted Eastman Credit Union, and they have agreed to subsidize the meeting by \$2,500. If we use this money to reduce the meal cost by \$15 per meal, the charge to members will be \$35. We need to keep some of the ECU funds flexible to cover expenses for speakers, entertainment, and any unanticipated costs.
 - Discussion of making ECU logo larger in our newsletter and inviting the CEO of ECU to the meeting.
 - In the past, entertainment has been the ETSU Blue Grass Band, a pianist, a violinist, etc. The group favors a violinist or similar instrumentalist. If there is a pianist, we will have to pay for tuning the piano. Tish will check with music folks to see who’s available.
- November 29 – Board Meeting
- Discussion of replacing board members who will rotate off: We believe that Jack, Gail, Jeff, and Susan will rotate off. Members may serve two consecutive terms; then, they must rotate off but may serve again later. Tish will send an updated member list, and we will identify individuals to recruit.

Membership/Communication Committee: Cynthia Burnley reported.

There were the following new retirees/members:

Annual New Members:

Dr. Fred Alsop

April Retirees

Ms. Connie Clyburn, Family Medicine, Coordinator

Ms. Mary Lou Mellons, Office of Professional Development, Technical Clerk

Coach Randall Sanders, Men's Football, Head Football Coach

- Cynthia will revise the recruitment letter to feature upcoming events, including the June 9th luncheon.

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

- The fund balances are Retirees Assoc. \$7,464.85; Life Membership \$27,187.38; Scholarship Endowment \$275,995.69; and Endowment Operating \$13,187.41.
- Charles will check on the financial data over the summer and send board members any information.

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

- Jack has given Tisha information for her to send out each time. Dr. Noland was scheduled to join us at Second Harvest in June, but Jack has not heard from him. Tisha will check with Dr. Noland's secretary. Jack wants to notify the Second Harvest folks if he is coming, and we will need to arrange for photos.

Liaison Committee – Priscilla Ramsey, chair.

- No Faculty Senate report.

Other Business and Miscellaneous:

- Fred asked about the newsletter, which is due later in June. Charles will write an article on the visit to Langston Centre; the deadline is June 15. Fred will contribute his usual article. Tish will get photos and statistics from graduation and the names of our scholarship graduates. At the June 9th luncheon, Tish will arrange for photos and information collection. Tish and Fred will update Jack's thank-you letter to ECU, and some of this may be suitable for the newsletter.

Our next meeting will be June 9, 2022, our summer luncheon, Food City on North State of Franklin, 11:30 to 1:30.

There being no further business, Fred adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

--Norma Hogan, Recording Secretary