



RETIRES ASSOCIATION
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Jeff Wardeska.

Present were Susan Burkey, Gail Burleson, John Hancock, Mika Miyamoto, Louis Modica, Jack Rhoton, Fred Tudiver, Jeff Wardeska and Dave Kalwinsky.

Tisha Harrison represented the Office of Administration.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the November 2018 meeting were approved as printed. There were no minutes for January 2019 as the meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Jeff Wardeska reported

Chairs are needed for the Membership Committee and a Co-Chair for the Program Committee. Jack Rhoton agreed to be President – Elect. Fred Tudiver will Co-Chair the Program Committee. Mike Miyamoto moved to approved committee chairs and officers. Seconded and carried.

Finance Committee: The Financial Statement was distributed to members. Balances were \$5,490.74 in Operating, \$21,147.11 in Life Membership, \$234,807.27 in Scholarship Endowment and \$11,877.44 in Endowment Operating. It was suggested that scholarship recipients submit letters and publish the best one in the Newsletter and invite that student to the Annual Meeting.

University/Community Service Committee: Jack Rhoton reported

Second Harvest continues on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. There was a good turn-out in February. Dr. Noland was invited for April but has to attend a budget meeting in Nashville. Hopefully he will be able to come on May 8th. Service at Second Harvest will continue on the 2nd Wednesdays in March and April.

Program Committee:- Mike Miyamoto reported:

- Tour of Building 60 on the VA campus – Doug Taylor will be conducting the tour on Thursday, March 21st. In addition to showing us the mannequins, he wants us to see the standardized patients and mock patient interviewing rooms. The tour will begin at 1:00 p.m. and Bldg. 60 is located between the main Medical School building and the College of Pharmacy. Parking may be a problem, so carpooling or drop-off at Bldg. 60 may be desirable. It was suggested to meet at the back of the building. Dave will send out an email reminder. The ETSURA tour will be held in conjunction with a seniors' group from Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church, led by Jean Darling (ETSURA Member). She has reserved a dining room at One Acre Café for lunch for the seniors' group and has invited any ETSUSA member to join them.
- Bob Patton's Eat and Chat Session. This was scheduled for February 21st but was cancelled as Bob was out of town to attend a funeral. Rather than rescheduling, it was decided to move him to the Sept. Eat and Chat.
- Colin Baxter's Eat and Chat Session is still scheduled for some time in April. Mike has emailed him but has received no reply. Mike will continue to contact him to finalize the date so it can be published in the March newsletter.
- Summer Luncheon – It is not too early to start thinking about a speaker for this event. It will be held at *The Depot* at Food City on State of Franklin Road. Randy Sanders was not able to attend last year due to his vacation schedule but he would be a good attraction. The baseball coach was another suggestion. We don't want this event to interfere with the Washington County Teachers' Picnic. Ed Snodderly has students from Iran who have formed a blue grass band and they could provide entertainment.
- The Annual Meeting in November was discussed. We need to be thinking of a speaker – possible considerations are the chair of the Tannery Knob Bike Park Committee, Randy Wycoff, Alan Levine, Jenny Brock or the new president of NESTCC.
- Committees are needed for both the Summer Luncheon and Annual Meeting.

Dave Kalwinsky stated that there is still a problem with accurate emails. He got 50 back on the Patton cancellation. Tisha stated the computer programs are not compatible – Banner and Access “do not talk.” She will work on the problem.

Tisha also stated the bill for the Annual Meeting had been received from the Country Club and it is \$1,800.64.

The question was raised as to paying ETSURA dues on-line. ETSU Policy does not allow auxiliary organizations to do this. ETSURA could set up its own Pay-Pal account or just continue to collect dues as is currently being done.

The ETSURA Website was discussed. Tisha's GA will update and work on getting pictures updated. Any help with the process would be appreciated. The Facebook page has not been used in two years and was shut down.

Dave stated that the Day of Giving is April 17th and something should be put in the Newsletter for those who may want to contribute.

The next ETSURA meeting will be March 26, 2019.

Being no further business, Fred Tudiver moved to adjourn at 4:25. Seconded and carried.

Susan Burkey

Recording Secretary