



**RETIRES ASSOCIATION**  
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

**ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President-Elect Jack Rhoton

Present were Susan Burkey, Gail Burlison, Scott Champney, Don Gotterbarn, John Hancock, Mike Miyamoto, Louis Modica, Jack Rhoton, Fred Tudiver, and Jeff Wardeska .

Tisha Harrison represented the Office of Administration.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the February 2019 meeting were approved as printed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Executive Committee:** Jack Rhoton reported

The tour of Bldg. 60 was great. Approximately 20 attended.

There will be Memorial Service for those who have passed away – probably in May.

**Finance Committee:** The Financial Statement was distributed to members. Balances were \$5,498.99 in Operating, \$21,166.90 in Life Membership, \$235,082.27 in Scholarship Endowment and \$11,627.44 in Endowment Operating. It was noted that when an ETSURA member passes away, the membership money is moved to the Scholarship Fund. Last year 17 scholarships were awarded. Several memorials have been received in memory of David Benner.

**University/Community Service Committee:** Jack Rhoton reported

There is a University Food Pantry in Central Receiving – it was suggested that ETSURA find out what is needed and how we could assist. It was noted that anyone can get food from the pantry...

Second Harvest will host lunch at the warehouse on April 16th. The regular work day for ETSURA is April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – Noon. Dr. Noland is scheduled to come on May 8th

**Program Committee:** - Mike Miyamoto reported:

- The field trip to Bldg. 60 was held on March 21<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with a Senior Group from Watauga Ave., Presbyterian Church. About 10-12 participants, including Doug Taylor and Stephanie Cole, met at one-Acre Café for a pre-tour lunch. Most carpooled from the café to Bldg. 60 where there were several parking spaces reserved for the group. The tour with about 20 people was of all 4 floors and lasted about 2 hrs. Details, including photos, will

be written up for the next newsletter. There are brochures available that include pictures during the renovation.

- Eat and Chat is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> with Colin Baxter scheduled to talk about his book on RDX, an explosive developed at Holston Munitions during WW11. Mike has reserved the room at Golden Corral and he will give Colin a reminder call.
- The Summer Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Mike has scheduled Hamed Kolahi and Sasan Ahouvan from Iran to play traditional Iranian, jazz flamenco and bluegrass music, using guitar, sitar and tambour(also called Tamirah) for \$100.00. Mike has not received a reply from Scott Carter and, considering past history with the coaches, the committee decided to ask Beth Flora as the keynote speaker. If she is not available, they will try for Jenny Brock. On Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, the committee met with Mike Presley, interim director of *The Depot* at Food City. The menu will be an all-American Buffet with hamburgers, pulled pork BBQ, or all beef hot dog. With 50%, 30% & 20% respectively. Also included are cole slaw, baked beans, 50% potato salad, 50% macaroni salad, cookies and brownies and drinks for \$9.95 per person. Also added were 2 large trays of chicken tenders w/sauces @ \$36.99 each and 2 large trays of fresh fruit medley @ \$39.99 each. Total including 18% service charge & sales tax = \$1,500. Since it is Flag Day, the committee would like to incorporate some flags into the décor and Priscilla Ramsey has agrees to solicit ETSU memorabilia for door prizes. Lou Modica moved to charge \$9.00 per person. Seconded and carried.
- Mike suggested that the budget page needs to be added to the financial report to show what was spent on previous events. Printing and mailing costs are a major expense as well. It was suggested that mailing go only to paying members.
- Last year Eastman Credit Union contributed \$1500.00. Jack Rhoton will go visit them and see if they will again contribute this year.

**Membership Committee** This committee needs a chair. Cynthia Burnley was suggested as a possibility. Tisha stated that she sends out a packet each month to retirees and an ETSURA brochure is given when each person comes to discuss retirement.

It was suggested that Dr. Noland be invited to the Summer Luncheon (or send his representative). Tisha will take care of the invitation.

The next ETSURA meeting will be April 30, 2019.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Susan Burkey

Recording Secretary