



RETIREES ASSOCIATION

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

## ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Mike Miyamoto. Members present: Mike Miyamoto, Judith Story, Jeff Wardeska, Susan Burkey, Lou Modica, Don Carter, John Hancock, Jack Rhoton, Priscilla Ramsey, and David Kalwinsky. Members absent – Gail Burleson, Dale Schmitt and Fred Tudiver. Krista Richesin represented the Office of Human Resources.

Mike was commended for a good newsletter.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the February 27, 2018 were approved. The following comments were made: Since there will be a \$150.00 charge for each mailing of the newsletter, we might consider raising dues; the Eastman donation is critical - \$2,000 yearly; \$500 is received from University Advancement.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) **Executive Committee:** Mike stated that about 15 surveys have been received thus far.
- b) **Communications and Membership Committees:** Chair Judith Story stated ETSURA membership is currently 307. Nine letters were sent to new retirees and she has seven more to send.
- c) **Finance Committee:** Total assets for ETSURA are \$265,886.72. It was noted scholarship donations are up. Krista will check to see if it is possible to donate online.
- d) **Program Committee** – Don Carter and Judy Story met with the Special Events coordinator at Food City. The menu for the Summer Luncheon will be salads, vegetable soup, soup beans & cornbread, cookies and brownies and drinks - \$15.44 per person. In a second meeting, they asked about an ETSU discount and learned one is not available. It might be possible to go higher up the chain of command locally to see if a discount is available. If fruit is added to the menu, another \$80 will be added on. Everything will be finalized by the April ETSURA meeting. Kari Albarado from the CPA will present a program on what the CPA has to offer retirees. The Athletic Director will be there to greet people. Unsure about the Football Coach at the present time. The annual meeting was also discussed. It was felt that other venues such as the Millennium Center would be more expensive. Dr. Kyle Colvett has agreed to speak. Don will check the Country Club schedule and the President's schedule to firm up a date. The Jonesborough Novelty Band will be contacted with a date as soon as one is

determined. Bob Patton will be the speaker at the next Eat 'n' Chat. Someone is needed to introduce him. Colin Baxter will speak at the September one.

- e) **University/Community Service Committee:** Jack Rhoton stated that the March work day at Second Harvest was cancelled due to the weather. The April day will continue as scheduled. Charles Moore had been contacted and he is willing to revive fundraising for WETS.
  
- f) **Liaison Committee** – Priscilla Ramsey stated that not a lot of issues were discussed at the Faculty Senate that involved ETSURA. The following items were discussed: David Champouillon' s final appeal for faculty reinstatement has been denied by the Board of Trustees; Valleybrook Farm is being planned as an incubator for public health research; TN Promise report for 2015-1027: 311 students enrolled. Retention rate is 81%; 2.5% salary increase for faculty and staff for 2018; \$500K funding for Overmountain Center is expected but not yet approved; new police chief applications will be considered as soon as the vetting process is established; Biomed Communications and University Press are now combined into Creative Services located in COM.; House Bill 1754 proposed no more than 6 hrs. of humanities and 3 hrs. of economics in gen. ed. core curriculum. SACS emphatic that faculty to be in charge of curriculum, not the legislature; Tuition Transparency & Accountability Act: passed by TN Senate requires all state universities to provide students a four year, non-binding prediction of tuition and fee increases in their admission letter.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burkey, Secretary