



ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Mike Miyamoto. Members present: Susan Burkey, Gail Burleson, Don Carter, John Hancock, David Kalwinsky, Mike Miyamoto, Louis Modica, Priscilla Ramsey, Jack Rhoton, Judith Story, and Fred Tudiver. Absent was Dale Schmitt. Representing the Office of Administration were Tisha Harrison and Tammy Decker.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 2018 meeting were approved as printed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Executive Committee:** Mike Miyamoto reported
 - The September Eat and Chat will be on Sept.. 20th at 11:30 a.m. Reservations for the room have been made at the Golden Corral. John Hancock will introduce Scott Champney and pay for his lunch.
 - April 2019 Eat and Chat – Colin Baxter has agreed to speak on his book on the RDX explosive from Holston Munitions. It will be on a Wednesday or Thursday in April 2019.
 - Bob Patton has asked to speak at another Eat and Chat on Tennessee Politics (his book) as seen from an insider. He could be the speaker for the February 2019 event. Priscilla Ramsey moved he be invited. Seconded and carried.
 - THERA – Jim Clemmer of Austin Peay has communicated that The Inn at Fall Creek Falls State Park is being demolished. The only alternative with equivalent facilities (Montgomery Bell) is already booked. The consensus is to skip 2018 and work toward 2019.
 - Charles Moore (former ETSURA board member) is coordinating the Fund-Raiser for WETS and the dates are October 6 and October 8-12. Members can contact Charles at chas.moore01@yahoo.com if interested in volunteering. It was noted that it is sometimes hard to hear on the phones and mornings and afternoons are usually quieter.
 - Mike stated that one person said she liked the summer picnic and food but that the talk was very short. John Hancock suggested One Acre Café if people do not like Food City. It was noted that One Acre would be too small. Rotary Park is another alternative but parking is a problem. Parking is a plus at Food City.
 - The idea of the Mini-library should be put on the back burner unless it is promoted as a service to shut-ins. Bowling, Book Club and Bridge are also on hold for now.

- The survey showed much interest in tours. Doug Taylor said Bldg. 60 is now open and it was suggest to schedule a tour for March 2019(date and time TBA). Anita DeAngelis promised us a tour when the Fine Arts Bldg. opens but that may be 2020. Tisha suggested we could also do a tour of the renovated Culp Center with Jeremy Ross doing the honors.
 - The Annual Meeting will be on November 2, 2018 at the Country Club. Mack Davis scholarship senior students will be invited. Should the Davis family be invited as well?
The Jonesborough Novelty Band will provide entertainment and asked that a donation to Habitat for Humanity be made instead of paying them to play. Due to budget uncertainties, \$100.00 was suggested. Kyle Colvert will be the speaker. Tisha will furnish a list of the Scholarship recipients, but only seniors will be invited.
 - Jeff Wardeska will chair the September ETSURA meeting as Mike will be out of town.
 - Names of candidates to serve on the ETSURA board are needed. Mike suggested that Membership/Communications Committee handle this task. **David Kalwinsky moved that Priscilla Ramsey remain on the board as ETSURA Liaison to Faculty Senate**
 - Since Eastman Credit Union may pull funding for ETSURA, Mike suggested that we sell ads in the newsletters and stimulate readers' interest by hiding an ETSU "E" in the ads and give a prize to the first person to email or call in the correct location. We send the March issue and two flyers to all 1,000+retirees.
- b. **Communications and Membership Committees** The committee met on July 19th with Gail Burleson, Priscilla Ramsey, Don Carter and Judy Story present.
- They will send cards of sympathy, get well and appreciation as the group is informed of the need. Please let one of the members know
 - They discussed the shut-ins and ideas about welcoming them. It was decided that phone calls are appropriate. They would split these up between the committee members. They also discussed the idea of providing transportation to ETSURA functions. They will also pursue the option of visiting shut-ins and initiate a buddy system.
 - They talked about the low number attending the luncheon. Again, the committee will make calls to encourage higher attendance. Transportation can be offered to the event. The committee enjoyed the menu and will address that fact to members.
- c. **Finance Committee:** Total assets for ETSURA are \$250,008.93. It was suggested to take \$500.00 from Lifetime Membership to offset any drop in funds from ECU. Dave Kalwinsky moved to buy a seat in the Fine Arts Center for \$250.00. Seconded and carried. Tisha will take care of this. It was also suggested to keep one year's interest in reserve for Endowment Operating. It was also suggested that someone

- come from the Foundation to explain Scholarship Funds, etc. Tisha will take care of this.
- d. **Program Committee** – Don Carter reported that the Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 2nd at the Country Club. He has worked on a tentative menu but no cost has yet been provided. Other details are listed above.
- e. **University/Community Service Committee:** Jack Rhoton stated that there was good participation on “move-in day.” Had some non-ETSURA members participate as well He also encouraged participation in the WETS Fund-raiser and participation at Second Harvest on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
- f. **Liaison Committee** – Priscilla Ramsey reported
- Enrollment numbers are about the same as last year and within the budget confidence levels
 - Culp Center – Kitchen set up to serve in the Marketplace for the fall. Ballroom will be for overflow; the bookstore will be on the opposite side of the Ballroom with Disability services on the back side of Culp.
 - Renovations – Steps on Dossett won’t be done until Thanksgiving or later; Carpet is being installed in the library and more open space is to be provided; sidewalk work is almost completed on the center of the campus as well as along the road to the soccer field; other upgrades are taking place around campus; the Martin Center is on schedule
 - The Dean of the College of Medicine has stepped down. Dr. Block is serving as interim
 - Major push for new academic programs and salary adjustments.
 - Moving to 10Gig but need to enhance the firewall; will revise the computer use policy
 - There is concern over smoking by outside contractors. They need to be aware of university policy and respect for the property and other people on campus.
 - ETSU visibility has improved with the new logo but there still seems to be an identity crisis and the mission statement needs some work.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burkey, Secretary