



RETIRES ASSOCIATION
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Jeff Wardeska, Present were Gail Burlison, Scott Champney, Lou Modica, Priscilla Ramsey, John Hancock, Chu-Ngi Ho, Jack Rhoton, Mike Miyamoto, Don Gotterbarn, Jeff Wardeska, Susan Burkey, and Tisha Harrison.

Absent were Cynthia Burnley and Fred Tudiver.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Jack Rhoton moved to approve the Minutes of the September 2019 meeting. Seconded and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee:

- The deadline for items for the December newsletter is due to Tisha by November 25th.
- Jeff will include a letter to members with the newsletter.
- Possible board members were suggested – Bonnie Stanley and Nina Marcioni.
- The Eat and Chat with Bob Patton was discussed. He started early and the servers walked in front of him speaking. It was suggested that the speaker not begin until everyone has been served and to put a sign on the curtain for late comers to use an alternate entrance.

Membership/Communications:

- Current Membership stands at 342 with new members added: Ms. Anneke P. Williams, Dr. Hamid S Kasmai, Ms. Jane E. Wolfe, Mr. Larry Huff and Dr. Sally Lee.
- Lifetime Membership is at 259 with Dr. Peggy J. Cantrell added
- September retirees are Dr. Thomas Jernigan and Dr. Eugene Scheuerman

Finance Committee:

Current Balances are - ETSU Retirees Assn - \$7,712.24; Life Membership - \$22,125.96; Scholarship Endowment - \$239,050.13 and Endowment Operating - \$15,847.88. Freshman scholarships will be raised to \$1,000 beginning in 2020

Program Committee: Mike Miyamoto reported

- The Annual Meeting/Brunch – Friday, Nov. 8th at 11:30 a.m. and current registration is at 64.

Dr. Wilsie Bishop has been invited and will give an update on ETSU; Esther Park has scheduled tuning of the piano before her performance. She will be given a \$200 honorarium; Lynda Newman of *Balloon-a-Tics* will be contacted to see if she will still do decorations and Univ. Adv. will be contacted to see if they will pay the cost of decorating; Jenny Brock will provide her CV; If any scholarship students attend, they can be given a time slot after the entertainment and their names should be listed in the program; The JCCC will be contacted as to the number of people to prepare for; there are 90 sets of pen/notepad/sticker for each place setting; Door prizes include a set of 4 stone coasters; JCTN lunchbox; clear plastic JC 150 bag w/cap. These will be on display at the Registration Table; There will be 2 people from Bucky's Pantry and 2nd Harvest with literature and donations baskets; The ECU banners will need to be set up – Priscilla Ramsey will pick them up; There will be a head table for 8 people; Jeff will introduce Pat Locke, Wilsie Bishop and Jenny Brock; Mike will present Jenny Brock with a gift and then introduce Esther Park; Jeff will conduct the business meeting and Priscilla will do the door prizes. Kelly Price, the new president/CEO of ECU will be invited.

- The February Eat and Chat will be at One Acre Café in February 2020. Kathy Feagins will be contacted as to a date that fits her schedule. The new Program chair should follow thru on this as well as coordinating with One Acre Café.

University/Community Service Committee: Jack Rhoton reported the change in schedule November date for 2nd Harvest will be 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. to accommodate Dr. Nolan's schedule.

Liaison Committee: Priscilla Ramsey reported:

- The ETSU Elevates Service grants were announced. It is intended to fund projects by eligible teams of faculty, staff, students or a combination of people from each of these groups. The purpose of the grants is to improve the quality of life of the people who live in our region. There will be \$90,000 allocated to fund 15- \$5,000 and 2- \$7,000 projects selected and 3 will be selected for November, January, February, March and April. The application is only 3 pages with rolling deadlines. A shark tank style presentation is required for selection. Application is available online: etsu.edu/etsuelevates. Any community group is also eligible to apply as long as there is an ETSU eligible partner. Jack will follow up on this.
- Your representative and all other Senators are now trained to use Narcan in emergency situations. In fact, although Narcan needs a prescription, anyone can request it from a pharmacy without one.
- Safety on campus continues to be a major issue with more security measures implemented, such as inside classroom door locks and more security cameras. Senators were trained on what to do in an active-shooter situation. Anyone can download the ETSUSAFE app on their cell phones that has a menu of emergency options.
- Board of Trustees report – A Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics has been approved in the College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences.
- Ammunition was added to the list of prohibited materials on Campus.
- Scott Niswonger is the new chair of BOT and Virginia Foley is the faculty representative.

Tisha stated the current ETSURA website contains errors and she is in the process of updating the information.

There will be no ETSURA meeting in November. Any correspondence and/or business can be handled by email.

An Elevate Service Meeting will be held on November 26th for anyone interested in attending.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Susan Burkey

Recording Secretary