



ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

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

John King, Foundation Representative, was present to address financial issues. He addressed the following:

- The endowment balance is \$225,489
- There are 18 scholarships awarded totaling \$9,000.00
- He suggested keeping one year of money ahead in case of market drops.
- He will discuss with Lisa Wiseman the possibility of raising the amount of the scholarships or giving more scholarships to affect more students.
- There are currently 16 names on the list
- He will check with Kathy Feagins as to the number of students who complete degree requirements.
- The amounts discussed were \$500.00 for freshmen and sophomores and increase the amount for juniors and seniors.
- Dave Kalwinsky moved to increase the amount given to junior and seniors to \$750.00 and leave the amount at \$500.00 for freshmen and sophomores. Seconded and carried.
- Life Membership in ETSURA is transferred to Endowment upon the death of the individual
- Tisha will check on moving E821410 interest to Scholarship.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Judith Story moved to approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting. Seconded and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership/Communications: Judith Story reported that the committee met on September 18th. They discussed the following:

- Board nominations – there are 14 names of candidates on the list and 4 positions to be filled. To date Cynthia Burnley and Scott Champney have agreed to serve. Judith will call others on the list as to willingness to serve.
- She will also check with Dale Schmitt as to his health status and remaining a board member.

- Twenty-nine letters have been sent out to new retirees. It was suggested that they be recognized at the annual meeting with a special designation on their name tag.

Finance Committee: The Financial Statement was distributed to members. Most of the discussion was centered around John King's presentation.

Program Committee: Don Carter reported

- East and Chat was cancelled because of water break at the Golden Corral. It was suggested to schedule the meeting on October 11th or 18th. Priscilla will check with Scott Champney as to his availability. Dave will send out an email to membership and Tisha will check with Golden Corral.
- The cost of the meeting is \$18.00 per person per the Country Club. Members will be charged \$15.00. We do have Eastman Credit Union money available to cover the difference for this year. Don suggested to have ETSU and ECU logo on the tables as decorations and Tish will invite representatives from ECU to attend. Jeremy Ross and a Foundation representative have been invited. President Noland will not be in attendance. The eight scholarship recipients are invited but will not speak.
- Dave will include the Annual Meeting reminder in his email to membership.
- Paying online is a possible option. Tisha will check on this and set it up if possible.
- Priscilla will take care of door prizes. It was felt that 10 would be enough. Precision Tune might possibly give another oil change certificate.
- Gail suggested a small gift be given to scholarship recipients – perhaps a T-shirt or coffee mug.
- Various favors for the tables were discussed.

University/Community Service Committee: Jack Rhoton reported

Second Harvest continues on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. There were four persons who worked in August. Activities and duties at Second Harvest vary each month.

Liaison Committee: Priscilla Ramsey reported:

- The new police chief, Nicole Collins, addressed the Faculty Senate on Sept. 10th at their request related to the incident on August 27th in which a construction worker attacked another worker initiating police action, an outdoor siren and a “shelter in place” for campus. A senator was concerned because it was unclear of the faculty responsibility in this situation. A policy is in place and can be found on Gold Alert and the Emergency Preparedness website: etsu.edu/safety/emergency_preparedness/default.php
Additional safety measures include new locks on all doors and screening at public events such as sporting events and concerts. Goals for the Public Safety Dept. include to complete accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement agencies.

- The Millennium Center has been purchased and ETSU will assume responsibility effective October 1st. Computer Science will eventually be moved to the bottom floor and the top floor ballroom will be used as rental space.
- All construction projects are on schedule. Building 60 will have a grand opening in October.
- It has been suggested that students majoring in Criminal Justice serve as interns to assist with campus security. Other universities have a similar program.
- TNachieves is a new program to help low income students, who are more likely to have a low retention rate, to participate in a mentoring program. Being a mentor does not require a big time commitment and does make a difference. Interested persons need to go to TNachieves.org before Nov. 30th to sign up.

ETSURA members were reminded that the ETSU United Way Giving Campaign material will be emailed to all members.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 a.m.

Susan Burkey

Recording Secretary