



**EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
RETIREES ASSOCIATION**

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**EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 29, 2013**

1. **CALL TO ORDR:** Bobbie Lewis, President, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The following members were present: Steve Bader, Susan Campbell, Don Carter, Rachel Henry, Tod Jablonski, Delmar Mack, Ken Mijeski, Priscilla Ramsey, Jerry Rust, Phyllis Taylor, and Betty Tester. Debi Frakes and Diana McClay represented the Human Resources' staff.

President Lewis welcomed everyone and asked that each introduce themselves. She added that each member had a Volunteer Form which needed to be signed and returned to Human Resources.

2. **PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES.** Don Carter made a motion the minutes be approved with the noted change suggested by Bill Fisher--to delete the word "the" and add "Eastman," so it would read Eastman Credit Union. Motion was seconded by Betty Tester and passed.

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive Committee: Mrs. Bobbie Lewis, Chair

- a. The Executive Committee met last Wednesday and talked about committees and she thanked those who have agreed to serve as chairs of the committees.
- b. She asked Delmar Mack to serve as Chair of the University/Community Service Committee. Ted Hughes will continue to serve on the committee but two additional members need to be added. She asked that Ken Mijeski give him a list of those who volunteered in 2012. The main activity is move-in day at the residence halls.
- c. Dr. Jerry Rust is the Chair of the Membership Committee and he will contact those on his committee to see if they are willing to serve in that capacity again this year.
- d. Phyllis Taylor is the Chair of the Communications Committee and she will also contact each member of that committee to see if they are willing to continue serving.
- e. For the Finance Committee, of which Steven Bader is Chair, Bill Fisher mentioned that it is good to have members of that committee from the various segments of the University.
- f. Program Committee, Dr. Ken Mijeski is Chair as this is the Vice President's responsibility.

- g. The deadline for the newsletter is February 26th. Be sure to submit items by that date. Bill Fisher announced that a TIAACREF representative is coming to campus and we need to communicate that meeting at the Eat and Chat on Feb. 12th. We will ask Brunhilde to send out an email about that. Diana said such meetings are always on the HR web site--for which they will give a link in the newsletter. Dr. Ken Mijeski will be the speaker for the February 12th Eat and Chat and Mr. Jeff Anderson will be the speaker for the April 17th Eat and Chat. They start at 11 a.m. and end at 2 p.m.
- h. We need an order for 12 polo shirts before an order can be placed--we need to wear them to the picnic to encourage retirees to order one. Priscilla Ramsey will man a table at the picnic to take orders.
- i. Brunhilde Tober-Meyer has asked for some relief for the Fridays that she works. Priscilla Ramsey works two days a month (the first Tuesday and third Thursday). Brunhilde does a fantastic job and perhaps it would be fine if she worked only two Fridays a month. The distribution list is in the computer housed in the ETSURA office, so she basically is our communicator.
- j. Fundraising, we gave 10 scholarships and would like to have some of the scholarship recipients at the October luncheon so we could have a special emphasis on contributions to the scholarship fund.

Finance Committee: Dr. Steven Bader, Chair

Steve presented the report: Operating Fund Account: \$1,927.41; Life Membership Account: \$16,740.00; Scholarship Endowment Investment Account: \$161,683.00; Endowment Interest Income Account: \$10,453.30; ETSURA Special Projects Fund: \$250.00. The report was approved unanimously.

Membership Committee: Dr. Jerry Rust, Chair

We have 295 members at this time.

Program Committee: Dr. Ken Mijeski, Chair

Ken reported that the speaker for the February 12th Eat and Chat will be himself with a PowerPoint presentation from Mexico and Ecuador. The speaker for the April 17th Eat and Chat will be Mr. Jeff Anderson and he will address fundraising and related issues. Ken spoke with Karen Mann in the President's office and the following Fridays in June are open on his calendar: June 7, 14 and 28. A motion was made to use June 7th as the first choice for the picnic with June 14th being the alternate date. Motion was seconded and passed.

Don Carter reported that October 11 has been scheduled for the Annual Luncheon and it is on Dr. Noland's calendar. Don also asked the board to think of what type of food and/or whom to ask to cater the picnic and bring these ideas to the next meeting for discussion.

University/Community Service Committee: Dr. Delmar Mack, Chair

No report.

Other Business:

Betty Tester reminded the group that Dr. Bill Fisher had been made an Honorary Alumnus last year and she would like to nominate Dr. Willene Paxton to receive the honor this year and that she and Don Carter will handle the nomination.

Rachel Henry brought up the parking problem on campus for Senior Citizens and handicapped persons. Bobbie will contact David Collins to see if he can come speak to us regarding parking.

Liaison Committee: Dr. Bill Fisher, Chair

There were no handouts but he wanted to bring a couple of items to our attention.

Dr. Ken Herd had an article published in the Johnson City Press on December 11, 2012. In the article was included Dr. Brian Noland's master's thesis at the West Virginia University entitled "The Impact of Changes to the Presidential Nominating System." He was a graduate student there from 1992-94. His thesis committee consisted of: Robert C. DiClerion (chair), Kevin Layden and Joseph Bondair.

There is a proposed resolution to the ETSU Faculty Senate regarding the benefit to non-married spouses in the state of Tennessee. What should be the policy in reference to ETSU? The State of Tennessee states that marriage is between a man and a woman. The proposal has been deferred.

He added that the process is now in motion for the green area in front of Brooks Gym.

The SGA has a press conference scheduled at 4 p.m. this date to vote on the football issue. The ballot is before the Student Senate.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Campbell, Secretary