

**Wright State University Retirees Association Board of Directors
August 7, 2024, Minutes**

Present: Barb Bullock, Richard Williams, Carolyn Smith, Dan Abrahamowicz, Kathy Morris, Joyce Howes, Mary Kenton, David Garrison, Robin Suits, Peggy Bott, Judi Engle

The minutes from the June 2024 meeting were approved as submitted

President:

Barb Bullock said that this would be an abbreviated meeting dealing only with items that need to be decided this month so that we can adjourn early to pack for the move to the Student Union.

Treasurer:

- Carolyn Smith asked if we wanted to approve \$100 for the Book Club sponsored by the Friends of the Library, The Alumni Association and WSURA. It was unanimously approved.
- Carolyn also asked what she should do about a check for the Luncheon that can't be processed since it wasn't signed. It was agreed to ignore it.

Events:

- Woodland Cemetery Arboretum Tour: Judi Engle reported that there is one we could do on October 9 but if we would want to have the van tour we would have to look at different dates. After some discussion it was decided to look into dates for the van tour since we do have members with mobility issues. Judi will check into this.
- Picnic: September 20 from 1–3 pm at Rotary Park in Beavercreek. Barb reported that Bill Bigham, Director of Planned Giving, offered to pay for the food in return for his attending and bringing flyers about Planned Giving. He agreed to not button-hole or pressure anybody into listening to his pitch about the program. After some discussion, it was decided that rather than hot dogs and hamburgers we would order sandwich trays from Jimmy Johns or Pandera and that Board members would make salads and desserts. Also we would provide silverware and plates. Guests would be asked to bring their own drinks.
- Election Follow-up: Paul Leonard and Lee Hannah on November 12, 2024 from 1–3 pm. Place to be determined.

Other items discussed:

- Dan Abrahamowicz said that he did not want to continue as the liaison to the Alumni Association but would assume another role. He agreed to chair the Scholarship Committee. Joyce Howes said she would be the liaison to the Alumni Association.
- It was reported that rather than being the speaker at our annual luncheon, Mary Ellen Mazy is interested in having focus groups on strategic planning for the university. It was agreed that it would not be appropriate for this to be done at our annual luncheon. We also agreed that we should ask someone else to be the speaker.

- Barb thanked Richard for his leadership this past year, the members enthusiastically applauded this.

David Garrison moved that the meeting be adjourned which was unanimously agreed to by the members.

The office was packed for the move.

The next meeting will be at 10 am on September 4, 2024, location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Bott