

**Wright State University Retirees Association Board of Directors**  
**June 5, 2024**

**Present:** Richard Williams, Peggy Bott, David Garrison, Donna Schlagheck, Judi Engle, Mary Kenton, Robin Suits, and Barbara Bullock

**Absent:** Dan Abrahamowicz, Mary Gromosiak, Joyce Howes, Carolyn Smith, Kathy Morris, Gail Whitaker

Minutes of the May meeting were not available but will be sent later.

**President's Report** — Richard Williams:

Richard Williams reported that our office will be moved to the Student Union sometime in July. The university has hired an outside company to do the moving. All the furniture will be moved except for the upholstered living room furniture. We will need to pack and Richard asked for volunteers. Since we don't have the dates of the move no one felt that they could volunteer.

**President Elect Report** — Barb Bullock:

Barb Bullock reported that Bill Bigham, Director of Planned Giving, asked her to lunch to discuss ways he could inform our members of how to leave money to the university. There was some discussion but no plan for this that we would not be comfortable with other than having him come to a Board Meeting.

**Past President** — Judi Engle — no report

**Secretary** — Gail Whitaker — Absent

**Treasurer** — Carolyn Smith

Carolyn was absent but did submit a report via email. It was approved.

**Communications** — Mary Kenton

The Spring Extension has been sent to the printer.

**Activities:**

- Carillon Park Tour, June 10: Robin reported that 11 have registered
- Woodland Cemetery Tree Tour: Judi reported that there will be one on Oct.10, at 10 a.m. There could be a small bus available for those with mobility issues. There was interest expressed in doing this so Judi will follow up on it.
- Donna said we will have Paul Leonard as a post-election speaker. She also suggested Lee Hannah speaking on the Ohio election and perhaps Carolyn Rice, Montgomery County Commissioner, speaking on Dayton issues.
- Robin reported that Mary G. suggested an outing to Ohio's newest state park, Great Council State Park, which is located on US 68 between Yellow Springs and Xenia. We

agreed that we need to know more about it before deciding on an activity there. Mary Kenton lives nearby and said she would check on it.

**Bylaws & Elections, Scholarships** — No reports

**Historical Preservation** — Kathy Morris

- Kathy has interviewed Carl Maneri, and reported that it went well.

**Membership Development** — Judi Engle

Sharon Sherlock has joined as an annual member

**OCHER** — Richard Williams

Dick reported that Ohio University and Youngstown are concerned about low enrollment. He also reported on the situation in STRS with some of the insurgent members being sued by Ohio Attorney General David Yost and Gov. Mike DeWine's efforts to remove Board Member Steen. He summarized by describing it as a "mess".

**Remembrance** — Peggy Bott

- Peggy moved that the board select *Van Gogh in Auvers-Sur-Oise: His Final Months* as a legacy book in memory of Gary Barlow and that \$60 plus any additional fees for shipping and taxes be transferred from the dues fund to the library. Mary Kenton second the motion. It was unanimously approved.
- Peggy also reported on deaths in May, which are listed on the website.

**Webmaster** — Robin Suits

- Robin reported that she had sent an email to the 900+ people on the WSURA email list telling them that our emails may be going to their spam or junk mail folders and also asking them if they wanted to remain on our list. Six members asked to be unsubscribed and 10 replied saying they wanted to remain on the list.
- In her reply to Robin's email, Mary Ellen Mazey said she would like to be involved in the Association if WSURA focused on helping the university develop a more effective strategic agenda. It was agreed that we did not have the authority or interest in doing this. It was suggested that she be asked to speak at our next luncheon on the state of public higher education in Ohio. Robin agreed to pass the suggestion on to Mary Ellen.

**Alumni Affairs** — Dan Abrahamowicz

Dan reported that the Alumni Association is planning a Bourbon Tour in Kentucky.

**Community/International Affairs, Friends of the Libraries, and Raiders Pantry** — no reports

**Old Business and New Business:** Covered in previous reports

David Garrison moved for adjournment at 11:45 a.m. and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn for Potluck Lunch.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, August 7 on the 3rd Floor of the Student Union

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peggy Bott