

## **Wright State University Retirees Association Board of Directors**

### **September 4, 2024**

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

**Absent:** Donna Schlagheck, Mary Gromosiak

Minutes of the May and August meetings were approved on the motion of Dan and the second of David.

### **General Discussion**

- Bill Bigham, Director of Planned Giving, was introduced to the board as our first guest in our new office in the Student Union. Bill has agreed to help provide lunch for the picnic that is planned at Rotary Park on September 20 from 1-3 pm. Bill asked why the picnic was not going to be held on campus. Judi who resides in Beavercreek, was able to secure a shelter at Rotary Park at no cost, plus if we held the picnic on campus, we would be forced to use the university catering service.
- Bill talked about several possible programs that he hopes that the Retirees Association and Planned Giving can partner on in the near future. Since 60% of people do not have a will, he is proposing a program called Estate Planning 101. Secondly, he would like to see a program on financial planning for retirement years. Employees who are getting close to retirement might be interested in this. Bill's office is working on bringing the author of *Katherine, the Wright Sister*, for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Katherine Wright's birth to campus. He proposed that the Retirees Association might be interested in co-sponsoring this event. The book should be coming out in the spring, so Bill will bring us more information as he learns the definite publication date.
- We discussed whether to have our board meetings in our office or in the conference room across the foyer. The consensus was that we are all comfortable in our new office.

### **Upcoming Events**

- The fall picnic will be held at Rotary Park on September 20 from 1-3 pm. Planned Giving will provide sandwiches from Jimmy Johns and board members should bring side dishes and desserts. Participants will be asked to bring their own beverages.
- The Woodland Cemetery bus tour is scheduled for October 8. Seats are limited.
- The election follow-up with Paul Leonard and Lee Hannah will be on November 12, from 1-3 pm in the Bill Shepard Room in the Foundation Building.

### **Future Events**

- Planning was begun for our Annual Luncheon. Robin will call the Nutter Center to secure a date and check on the cost to send postcards out to the membership and Dan will ask Joylynn Brown, Athletic Director, to be the speaker.
- The board agreed that we should hold another Poetry Reading in April.

### **Membership**

Judi reported that we had one new member last month. Robin just received the names of 15 new retirees from Human Resources. Judi will send out invitations to join our association.

### **OCHERSTRS**

Dick reported that things have calmed down somewhat since indictments came out. A trial for Rudy Fictenbaum should occur in May.

### **Remembrance**

One obituary has been added to our remembrance section on our website.

### **Web Master**

Robin is concerned about inconsistent reporting from Constant Contact and is looking for another company to manage our communications.

### **Other Business**

- There were no reports from Alumni Affairs, Friends of the Libraries, Raider Pantry, and Historical.
- Dick will preside at the October meeting since Barb will be out of town.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Gail Whitaker

Secretary