

BGSURA Board of Directors Meeting
January 10, 2018 – 1:30 p. m.
College Park Office Building, Room 2

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Keller, Chris Sexton, Judy Donald, Charlie Applebaum, Barbara Moses, Linda Treeger, Ellen Williams, Bonnie Woods, Joan Morgan, Marge Miller, Terry Carver, Jim Corbitt, Roger Anderson, Karel King,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jan Finn, Paul Lopez, Carol Lininger, Jan Peterson, Ellen Dalton, Leo Navin, Rebecca Ferguson, Tom Hern, Lynette Rosebrook,

The meeting of the BGSU Retirees Association was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Chris Sexton.

MINUTES: There being no corrections or additions to the minutes, it was moved by Jim Corbitt and seconded by Bonnie Woods that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Chris Sexton reported that she had very little to report and hoped we all had pleasant and healthy Holidays.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES: No Report.

BENEVOLENCE: No Report.

BYLAWS: No Report.

DATABASE ADMINISTRATION: Chris Sexton reported for Paul Lopez that he is keeping up with changes and the database is up-to-date.

MEMBERSHIP: Jim Corbitt highlighted statistics on new members and retention of comp members. Barbara Keller suggested new retirees should be contacted through the Foundation and not through Human Resources. A "Welcome to BGSU Retiree's Association" can be made to new retirees through the Newsletter. Information about BGSURA is distributed to new retirees by the College Dean's offices. Chris related that she had spoken with Becca concerning HR communications. Sandy Heck has been our HR contact person. It was suggested that contact can also be made through the President's Office to identify new retirees

NEWSLETTER: Ellen Dalton sent word that the Newsletter will be ready for distribution in early February.

WEB DEVELOPER: No report

NOMINATING: Joan Morgan extended many thanks to Jan Peterson for all her help gathering resources to identify persons interested on serving on the Board. She also reminded us that Terry Carver will be leaving her position as Classified Staff Council Observer.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT: Chris Sexton reported that the lock on the door has been repaired, but she doesn't have any more information about the missing postage stamps yet. She reminded us to use the "Sign-In" sheet when we use the office and to Sign-Out when we leave.

PROGRAMS: Barbara Moses announced the tentative schedule of programs for the 2018-19 Luncheons are now completed with the addition of the musical group "Toraigh" for the November 12th luncheon.

PUBLICITY: Barbara Keller said she did not have anything to report but she would be willing to write an article or two featuring interesting things about our members. Jim Corbitt suggested adding the BG Independent News to our media contacts.

OCHER: Roger Anderson reminded us that the proposed 2.25% COLA cap under consideration and approval by the State Legislature to be implemented applies to OPERS only and not to everyone in the State Retirement systems. PERI is pushing back that the CPI (Consumer Price Index) does not reflect a Senior Citizen's buying habits. He cautions us to be mindful of any attempt to consolidate all five of Ohio's Retirement Systems. Karol King reported that she and Roger have enjoyed working with OCHER, but they would like to pass the torch on and we should be looking into recruiting new persons for their positions.

FACULTY SENATE: Ellen Williams reported that Federal Tax Reform discussions are considering taxing Graduate Student fee waivers as regular income. This would definitely impact our students and make attending Graduate school less affordable. The Board of Trustees is reviewing the granting of tenure. BGSU is anticipating hosting over 3,000 visitors for Preview Day and needs volunteers to assist in facilitating their positive experience at BGSU. Ellen also reported a new degree program will be offered at the Firelands Campus in Respiratory Care.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL: Judy Donald reported that Habitat for Humanity is going to build three homes in the BG area and will need about 200 volunteers for this project. Council discussed how the University is going to handle work schedules on MLK day and Intersession if the University is closed as planned. How this will effect work schedules and leave time of employees was discussed.

CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL: Terry Carver reported that CSC will bag lunches in the BTSU as a service project for MLK Day. They have agreed to work with Habitat for Humanity in fundraising projects for the building of three homes in the BG area. Terry

also reported that the Leave Bank as it was implemented was illegal. A new Leave Bank has been established, but it is only to be used for the care of a parent, spouse, child, personal illness or temporary disability.

OLD BUSINESS: Ellen Williams asked Officers and Committee Chairs to complete the form she handed out concerning the positions we hold as suggestion and tips for our successors. She requested that we use the same format as the hand out and fill it out for the position and not the person. Please have it done by the April 12th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: A suggestion that we might consider raising dues at this time was made. It was tabled for consideration at a later time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: None.

The next meeting of the Board will be April 12th, at 1:30 p.m. in the College Park Office Building, Room 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m. by President Chris Sexton.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Treeger
Secretary