

**BGSURA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 11, 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, Joan Morgan-Augenstein, Terry Carver, Jim Corbitt, Roger Anderson, Jan Peterson, Tom Hern.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jan Finn, Paul Lopez, Carol Lininger, Ellen Dalton, Leo Navin, Rebecca Ferguson, Lynette Rosebrook, Bonnie Woods, Karel King, Ellen Dalton, Ellen Williams.

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 Tom Hern and seconded by Jim Corbitt that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom Hern distributed a spreadsheet of the Treasurer's Journal showing year-to-date income of \$6,811.00 and disbursements of \$6,721.32. There is \$2,105.50 spendable income in the Book Award account.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Chris Sexton reported that Webmaster, Carol Lininger had suffered a stroke in March and was on her road to recovery. She will return to posting to the website when she is able.

President of the UT Retirees Association, Marcus Snead, spoke with Chris indicating that their members attending the March 12<sup>th</sup> Luncheon enjoyed themselves very much. As UTRA does not host luncheons, Chris issued an open invitation to their members to any of our Luncheons with the exception of the September Convocation. Barbara Moses reminded Chris she would need to know how many UTRA members will attend each event. Chris said she would leave the lines of communication open with them and see which form notification works best; a yearly list of programs or individual program notifications.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ACTIVITIES:** No Report.

**BENEVOLENCE:** Jan Peterson reported that we have lost a lot of Lifetime members in the past year.

**BYLAWS:** Barbara Keller reported that there will be copies of the revised By-Laws available at the May 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

**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 reported that sometime between April and June of 2018 he hopes to have new Membership forms ready for inclusion in the new Operational Handbook. It was suggested that the BGSU Retirees Association investigate the option of accepting credit card payments for dues. Jim said he would contact the Foundation to see if that would be feasible. Charlie Applebaum also suggested using the BG1 card as we all received them when we retired.

**NEWSLETTER:** No report.

**WEB DEVELOPER:** No report.

**NOMINATING:** Joan Morgan-Augenstein reported that the committee is nearing a full slate for Officers and Directors for the 2018-2020 term. Agreeing to serve as new Directors are; John Buckenmyer, Stanley Lewis, Marjorie Hufford and Linda Treeger. Serving as renewing Directors are; Rebecca Ferguson, Barbara Keller, Joan Morgan-Augenstein, Jan Peterson and Bonnie Woods. Serving as Secretary is Carol Bradford and Vice-President is Ellen Williams. It was moved by Joan Morgan-Augenstein and seconded by Barbara Keller to accept the slate as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**OFFICE MANAGEMENT:** Chris Sexton reported that she and Jan Peterson continue to check on office communications.

**PROGRAMS:** Barbara Moses announced that we usually alternate between BGSU President and BG Mayor as the Convocation speaker. This year the Speaker will be Mayor Dick Edwards.

**PUBLICITY:** Barbara Keller reminded us to get information to her as soon as possible for inclusion in the Sentinel-Tribune.

**OCHER:** Roger Anderson reported that as of September 2017 the OPERS Health Care Fund was 65% funded and the Pension Fund was 80% funded. Current claims have been less than anticipated and the Health Care Fund is now 153% funded.

Gerald Newsom, OCHER rep to STRS, reported that whereas, STRS Board members were unhappy reducing the subsidies for health care premiums, ending COLA adjustments for five years and changing the assumptions about taxes and rate of return of investments, it was necessary to ensure solvency of STRS through 2054.

House Bill 413 to limit OPERS COLA increases to 2.25% is likely dead for this year.

**FACULTY SENATE:** No report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL:** No Report.

**CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL:** Terry Carver reported that she had attended an Ohio Staff Council of Higher Education meeting in Columbus on February 5<sup>th</sup> where she had learned that many community colleges are developing Baccalaureate degree programs not offered by state universities. These are being developed to guarantee job placement upon completion of the program. Sinclair Community College is considering a degree in unmanned aircraft engineering (drones) and alternate energy engineering. Akron is developing a new sports program in Video Gaming. The Ohio State is using only their physicians for “in-network” health coverage and testing Skype doctor “visits” in non-emergency situations.

From the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of CSC Terry reported that the Shuttle Service has been outsourced to a Texas company. Four full-time employees will be retained by BGSU, eight part-time employees will be offered employment with the Texas company and all student drivers will be terminated. This will be effective in the summer. Loss of employees due to outsourcing will negatively impact OPERS retirement funds.

From the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting Terry reported that the speaker was Lt. John Stuart of the BGSU Police Department who spoke on “Financial Peace University” and showed a video on how employees can reduce debt and plan for future retirement.

It was announced that CSC volunteers will meet from 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p. m. to make Mobile Meal packets at the Stroh Center. The goal is 120,000 packets.

Human Resources has decided not to meet with CSC representatives concerning the Leave Bank or Handbook revisions.

Discussed a second fundraiser for the Maguire family. Both of the parents have cancer and one of them is a classified staff employee.

The theme of the May 16<sup>th</sup> Award Ceremony will be “Let Gratitude Be Your Attitude”. The speaker will be Rodney Rogers and Ken Borland.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** The BGSU Retirees Association has awarded two \$1,000.00 Book Award Scholarships. With only \$2,105.00 in the spendable Award fund, it was discussed whether we should award one \$1,000.00, two \$500.00 or none at all. Tom Hern reported that the money from the luncheon Baskets and other donations does not get deposited or posted to our accounts until the end of the fiscal year. This results in a loss of interest to the funds. Tom said he would try to remedy the situation with the Foundation. Roger Anderson moved to award one \$1,000.00 Scholarship this year. The motion was seconded by Barbara Moses. The motion passed.

Chris said she would follow up and find out what happened with the 2017 By-Law revision and why it has not been posted to the website.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Barbara Keller said that Sharon Gargasz had made some very good points about the University's decision to move the Gish Theater from Hanna Hall to the Bowen-Thompson Student Union with the renovation of Hanna Hall after Ralph Wolfe's presentation at the the April 9<sup>th</sup> Luncheon. As Retirees we should advocate for more transparent communication and a reversal of this decision. We have not been informed of the impact this move would have on the Silent Film Museum artifacts or contractual obligations between BGSU and the Gish estate.

She moved "That the BGSU Retirees Association support the initiative proposed by Sharon Gargasz on April 9<sup>th</sup> to reverse the decision to move the Gish Theater to the Union. That we urge that the Gish Theater remain in Hanna Hall in keeping with the original donation to create a place to showcase silent film history. The move is unethical because it violates the original intent of the donor's bequest. The BGSU Retirees Association is actively involved in the reversal process by engaging in discussions with the Presidents Office, Development Office and any other area deemed appropriate." The motion was seconded by Jim Corbitt. The motion passed

Chris announced that Judy Donald and Terry Carver were leaving the Board of Directors and thanked them for jobs well done with great appreciation.

The next meeting of the Board will be July 11<sup>th</sup> 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