

**BGSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

October 17, 2007
College Park 2, BGSU

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Anderson, Pete Badia, Clif Boutelle, Ramona Cormier, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Ted Groat, Harry Hoemann, Harold Lunde, Chuck McCaghy, Becky McOmer, Janet Parks, Jane Schimpf, Chris Sexton, Barbara Keller

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Bennett, Don Bright, Park Leathers, Elmer Spreitzer, Genevieve Stang

President Cormier called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2007, MEETING

Sexton moved to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Lunde reported that reports are a little behind at the Development Office, so the only item to report is that \$2,178 in dues has been received to date. An October 3 report by the Treasurer shows 66 Life Members with three more joining at that level after the report, making a total of 69 Life Members, as of this.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cormier thanked Board members for helping with the Convocation. She thought it was excellent and exceedingly successful.

The Wood County Retired Teachers Association is working to get Randy Gardner to speak at the joint meeting in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ACTIVITIES**—Activities report will be in the Newsletter.
- **BYLAWS**—No report.
- **MEMBERSHIP**—There are only three new members this year. Last year there were 25.
- **NEWSLETTER**—Jim Gordon, editor, reported he will be finishing up the November Newsletter this weekend.
- **NOMINATING**—Anderson, chair, reported that the committee will be meeting in November. He would like to see the term of president and other officers be one year and that leadership positions outside the Board be considered when nominating officers.
- **OCHER**—Anderson reported that information on HB315 was provided at the September 18 meeting of OCHER. The bill, which would increase contributions by 2.5 percent to help create an ongoing, dedicated revenue stream for the STRS Ohio Health Care Program, is supported by many groups and individuals, but schools boards see it as an unfunded mandate and oppose it. OCHER will start publishing a newsletter, to be issued once a year.
- **OFFICE STAFFING**—McOmer reported the office is running smoothly.
- **OFFICE OPERATION**—Leathers reported there is a new list of faculty who have retired.

- **PROFESSIONAL**—No report.
- **PROGRAM**—Groat reported the following programs for the year:
 - November, Jack Ritchie, Elks Club
 - January, Music (HeeBeeBGs?), First United Methodist Church
 - March, Joint Meeting with WCRTA, Randy Gardner? Elks Club
 - April, Joint meeting with University of Toledo Retirees, Bowen-Thompson Union
 - May, Eric Honneffer, First United Methodist Church
- **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**—Keller reported that at the October 11 meeting of Administrative Council Diane Regan was recognized for winning the Ferrari Award. The Council is working on a process for non-compensation conciliation.
- **CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**—Sexton reported that CSC is reviewing HB187 which proposes changes as to who is considered as “classified” in the government system. There is concern about benefits, etc. What would be the effects for BGSU and other universities?
- **COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE**—No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **HANDBOOK FOR RETIREES**—Lunde checked with Rebecca Ferguson in Human Resources and she said there is no budget for hard/paper copies. Jim Gordon offered to work with the current handbook to see if the number of pages could be reduced, thus reducing the cost. (See also minutes of July 18, 2007)

NEW BUSINESS

- **FAMILY AND UNITED CAMPAIGNS**—These campaigns will be starting shortly.
- **GOLDEN BOOK AWARD ENDOWMENT**—Baskets for donations will be placed on tables at meetings where appropriate.

Julie Pontasch of the Development Office has suggested that BGSURA have a silent auction of art and other collectibles donated by retirees. Lunde moved that BGSURA investigate and review the plan via e-mail. The motion was seconded and approved. A decision on the plan will then be submitted for action.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 20, at 1:30 p.m.

THE MEETING was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

JOAN H. GORDON, Secretary

PROPOSAL

A month long silent auction in which the entire university community was invited to view and make bids on artwork donated by our retirees? The items could be displayed in a secure place on campus. A silent auction in conjunction with the family campaign to raise funds for the Golden Book Award

- A request for art, rare books and jewelry to be donated by members of the retiree's association.
- Items would be on display for two days in a secured room in the union for faculty, staff and community members to bid upon. The room could be manned with volunteers from the retiree's association and/or students who need community service experience.
- The timing of the auction could coincide with the family campaign kick-off, not yet scheduled but usually held late February, early March.
- The promotion of the auction would be included in the family campaign materials, a press release for the Sentinel and in the Campus Update (goes to all faculty, staff and students).
- Items would be labeled with a \$\$\$ starting point.
- A clear understanding of how the donors of the items will be credited with a charitable gift. Although I hope most of our donors are giving for reasons other than the tax benefits, I want to make sure they understand the rules so they don't get in trouble trying to deduct more than allowed. They can only receive the cost basis on the items donated. The only way a gift in kind can be given a full market value deduction is if the item itself meets the mission of the charity and the charity holds the item for at least 2 years.
- An about-to-be-hired intern under the direction of Michelle Banks, Director of Annual Giving and coordinator of the family campaign, could be assigned to the silent auction. One of the intern's experiences is to be event planning. pus, maybe even the Mileti.