BGSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES October 20, 2004 106 College Park, BGSU

PRESENT: Roger Anderson, Bob Clark, Joan Gordon, Harold Lunde, Jim Gordon, Dick Edwards, Genevieve Stang, Harry Hoemann, Phyllis Oster, Dolores Reynolds, Clif Boutelle, Dennis Anderson, Rebecca Eninger

ABSENT: Elfreda Rusher, Park Leathers, Wally Pretzer, Bob Kreienkamp, Don Bright

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Copies of the Bylaws and the Board listing were distributed.

MINUTES OF JULY 21 MEETING

Hal Lunde moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer Hal Lunde reviewed the financial report which showed a balance of \$3,019.24 at 9/30/04. He indicated quite a few people had joined as Life Members. The Treasurer also reported Membership figures through mid-October as follows: 146 "regular" members (includes 11 Life Members), 13 Associate (includes 2 Life Members), and 72 First Year Members, for a total of 231.

Genevieve Stang asked if there is a breakdown by PERS, STRS, and Classified. There is not at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACTIVITIES—Star Tours of Ohio in Pemberville will offer special tours for BGSURA if we want, or we can join others that are scheduled. Bob Clark, Activities Committee Chairman, asked for ideas for activities, perhaps a legislative meeting with the Wood County Retired Teachers Association in February.

B. MEMBERSHIP—Clif Boutelle, Chairman, reported that between 87 and 98 members have yet to renew from last year. A membership form will be enclosed in the next newsletter, and an ORTA (Ohio Retired Teachers Association) membership form will also be included.

C. NEWSLETTER—Jim Gordon, Editor, reported the deadline for the next newsletter is October 29. This issue will include a list of Life Members.

D. OCHER—Genevieve Stang reported that there probably will be no legislative action before the election. Two retirees positions are up for election this spring on OCHER. Anyone who would like to be a candidate should "step up." She also review items discussed at the September 16 OCHER meeting. The next OCHER meeting will be November 16. Dick Edwards noted that STRS has pushed the candidacy of Lou Diorio for appointment. He may try for a permanent position. Mr. Edwards also met in Westerville with representatives of several groups whose purpose was to explore an association or affiliation with PERI. PERI, which stands for Public Employee Retirees, has 55,000 members and a strong lobbying arm. Dick Edwards feels it would be good to join. Both Ms. Stang and Mr. Edwards encouraged BGSURA members to "keep up on things." Mr. Edwards noted that all groups are shifting from a social focus to advocacy. A copy of OCHER's Annual Report. will passed around

E. OFFICE OPERATIONS—Phyllis Oster reported there appeared to be no problems in the officer operation.

F. PROGRAM—Dennis Anderson reported programs are in place for the rest of the year:

- November 17, Dick Berry, "Day Trippin'" (Dennis Anderson)
- January 19, BG Symphony Orchestra (Monna Pugh)
- March 16, Main Street BG, Earlene Kilpatrick (Wally Pretzer)
- May 18, Ray Fischer, Wood County Prosecuting Attorney, "Identity Theft"

G. PROFESSIONAL—Roger Anderson noted it is hoped to set up an office in Continuing Education (College Park) for retirees doing research. He also noted that we need to publicize the benefits of membership in BGSURA.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SEPTEMBER CONVOCATION—The Convocation was well received. One item mentioned was to address the audio level of the music, which was not conducive to conversation.

COMMITTEES—Hal Lunde moved that the Board approve the list of committee members as presented. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Joan Gordon will provide minutes and calendar items to the web site, and Jim Gordon will provide the newsletter to the web site. It was suggested that items be linked to the Retirees Handbook.

NEW BUSINESS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—President Anderson said the committee could begin work in February so that the slate of candidates would be ready for the April Board meeting.

BOARD MEETINGS—President Anderson reviewed Board meeting dates for the rest of the year. The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 16, 2005.

THE MEETING was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Joan Gordon Secretary

NOTES:

MEETINGS March 16, BGSURA Program/Meeting April 20, Board Meeting May 18, BGSURA Program/Meeting July 20, Board Meeting

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