

December 4, 2019
APSURA Board Meeting Minutes

The December 2019 APSURA Board meeting was held on December 4 at the Pace Alumni Center.

Members present were Floyd Christian, Joe Filippo, Carlette Hardin, Cheryl Holt, David Kanervo, Brad Kirtley, Allene Phy-Olsen, Mitch Robinson, Sharon Silva, Nancy Smithfield, Carl Stedman, Jim Thompson, and Eloise Weatherspoon.

Minutes from the October meeting were read and amended.

Minutes from the November meeting were read and approved.

The October and November treasurer's reports were read and approved. Minutes and treasurer's reports for October and November were read because there was not a quorum for the November meeting. The annual endowment report will not need to be given every month.

As for our membership, Nancy reported that we currently have 89 paid members, the most recent being Bob and Darla Adams. The membership report was approved.

There was a discussion concerning the venue for upcoming Connections meetings. It was decided that our January meeting will be in Maynard. Allene and Dewey will be our speakers and will talk about the Holocaust.

Elliott Herzlich is tentatively scheduled to speak on February 25. Floyd will contact him to confirm that date. If Elliott can do our February program, Carlette will do our Connections program for March. Jim volunteered to do a program on human evolution at a time yet to be determined.

A possible luncheon in April was discussed, with the idea that we could also use it as a time to recruit new members. A new venue for that luncheon was discussed. It was suggested that we could ask Mayor Joe Pitts to talk to us about downtown development. As in the past, no Connections program will be planned for May. David will present a political analysis in the fall.

The newsletter was the next topic of discussion. It was determined that February 15 should be the deadline for submitting material to Eloise and Allene, who will then edit it and present it to David Johnson. Suggestions for newsletter submissions included a story about our dinner and play at the Roxy, which Joe has already written, a report by Sharon about our scholarship, an article by Floyd and Aleeta about Africa, Africa University, and the possibility of a Study Abroad connection with that university, an article about our Fall luncheon by Sharon, and an article about Jim Clemmer by Allene. It was also suggested that we include a list of members and a membership form. There was some discussion about whether to include a short bio. of any members who died during the year.

We need more pictures for our newsletter, and we need to remember to take more pictures at Connections programs, luncheons, and other APSURA events.

In other business, Sharon said the home page has been updated, but there is no reason to go further unless or until we experience more traffic on the site.

Our next discussion centered on whether we should go ahead and award a scholarship in the spring, recognizing the recipient at the spring or fall luncheon. It was suggested we go through the list of all candidates who are rising juniors and family members of faculty or staff who have the necessary GPA and email them. They must apply if they are interested. Different amounts were suggested, but it was finally decided that we will award \$1,000 total, with \$500 awarded each semester.

Jim moved that the scholarship committee, led by Sharon and Carlette, will report to us in February.

There will be no January meeting. The next meeting will be February 5.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary Eloise Weatherspoon.