

APSURA Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at the Pace Alumni Center

Members present were Aleeta Christian, Barbara Blackston, Jim Clemmer, Joe Filippo, David Kanervo, Phil Kemmerly, Allene Phy-Olsen, Sharon Silva, Nancy Smithfield, Carl Stedman, Eloise Weatherspoon.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Jim Clemmer reminded us that we need to think about our tone so that we present a positive image for new and prospective members. We should be both friendly and professional.

The grace period for late dues was discussed. Snail mail was suggested as a way to remind people to pay their dues. Nancy said that she can send "personal" email reminders. Nancy recommended that we set October 1 as the deadline for the grace period, with an email communication being sent halfway through the grace period. After October 1, a personal note will be sent or a phone call made to those who still do not renew.

It was announced that at least one current faculty member has requested membership in APSURA. Aleeta moved that current faculty or staff members be designated associate members until they retire, paying the regular dues. They will then be granted the usual free membership the year after they retire. The motion carried.

Upcoming activities were discussed.

Volunteers are needed for welcoming freshman to the campus. David sent around a link for volunteering.

APSURA will help with the annual Rotary Club bike trip held on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. We will set up and staff two refreshment stations and make sandwiches. We make \$1000 for our organization, with the money going toward our scholarship.

Aleeta told about the Austin Peay Eclipse package which includes a presentation by Dr. Buckner with a luncheon to follow, the speech by an astronaut, entrance to the club level, with access to 2 large telescopes, and other amenities. The \$200 fee goes to the math and science college.

On August 26, Ted Jones will present his one-man show at the Roxy.

David said he will look into train ride options.

We will have a table at the convocation picnic.

Richard Gildrie will present the September Connections program and Eloise Weatherspoon the October program. Since the October program falls on Halloween, it was recommended that we consider changing the date to the fourth Tuesday instead of the fifth.

Jim Clemmer thanked Sharon Silva for her work on our Web page.

He also encouraged members to attend the Romeo group which meets on the first Thursday of each month.

He urged us to go to the THERA meeting at Fall Creek Falls and to support it so that it can keep going.

The meeting was adjourned.