

Minutes

Austin Peay State University Retirees Association Board Meeting

November 3, 2021

Members Present:

Floyd Christian, Nancy Smithfield, Joe Filippo, Barbara Wilbur, Sharon Silva, Brad Kirtley, Phil Kemmerly, Angie Judish, and Carlette Hardin

Guest: JaCendra Robinson and Hannah Allen

Floyd Christian called the meeting to order at 3:00. He introduced our guests. JaCendra announced that Hannah Allen has been appointed as Benefits & Retirement Services Coordinator.

Minutes

Carlette Hardin presented the minutes from the October meeting. Carlette Hardin noted that she needed to amend the minutes to reflect the correct name of the national organization – AROHE. Phil Kemmerly moved for approval of the minutes, and Joe Filippo seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Silva presented the treasurer's report and noted that the organization has a balance of \$6275. Sharon was asked if sufficient funds were available to publish two newsletters, and she noted that there were funds available. Carlette Hardin moved for approval of the treasurer's report, and Joe Filippo seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Membership report

Nancy Smithfield reported that membership now stands at 91 members. Carlette Hardin presented ideas for improving our website and announced that Anne Wall had agreed to help make necessary changes to the website. Dr. Hardin will work with Public Affairs in seeking approval of any changes.

COVID – 19

There was no additional information available.

Connections Talks

Dr. George Pesely, APSU Professor of History, had presented "Pirates of the Adriatic" on October 26 at 4 pm (central time) via Zoom. A discussion of future topics included a suggestion about contacting Karen Meisch about topics from her college. Dr. Christian asked Brad Kirtley to help organize a meeting to discuss the new event center. Carlette Hardin suggested that a talk on Bitcoins might be interesting.

APSURA Fall Newsletter

Submissions are sought for the fall newsletter. Carlette Hardin has written an article on Little Lending Libraries supported by retirees. Other articles are needed.

APSURA Student Scholarship Criteria

Carlette Hardin and Sharon Silva noted that the following changes have been made to our scholarship criteria. Both the Office of Student Financial Aid and the Office of Development approved the changes. These included:

- 3.25 cumulative GPA
- 48 credit hours completed (sophomore, junior or senior)
- Undergraduate students (graduate students will not be considered)
- Dependent of a current full-time employee of APSU (dependents of part-time, temp employees and adjunct faculty will not be eligible)
- Student must be enrolled full-time
- Student must reapply and be selected annually
- An essay which includes:
 - Your reason for your chosen major and why you have chosen this field?
 - Briefly explain pertinent related experiences to major (volunteer, part-time work, personal service, contributions, or awards).
 - Who or what has influenced you or shaped your commitment to this career or major?
 - How would this scholarship help you meet your future goals?

November Meeting

The next APSURA Board meeting will be held on December 1 at 3:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00