

October 2, 2019
APSURA Board Meeting Minutes

The October 2019 APSURA Board meeting was held on October 2 at the Pace Alumni Center. Members present were Barbara Blackston, Floyd Christian, Joe Filippo, Cheryl Holt, David Kanervo, Brad Kirtley, Nancy Smithfield, Carl Stedman, Jim Thompson, and Eloise Weatherspoon. Linda Thompson was also in attendance.

The minutes were read and approved.

In the absence of Sharon Silva, the treasurer's report was tabled until later.

Nancy gave the membership report. She announced that we have 85 paid members and that there are still 10 people from last year who did not renew their membership. They have been dropped from the roll because they were contacted several times without response.

Floyd announced that he attended the Benefits Fair today. He reiterated the fact that retirees who fill out the form are eligible for a free membership in APSURA for a year.

The scholarship report was tabled in Sharon's absence, but we discussed the fact that we will have to wait three years until the interest is sufficient to give out our scholarship to a rising junior. That will happen in 2022.

Because of Thanksgiving, our next Connections meeting will be delayed until Tuesday, December 3, when Floyd and Aleeta and two guest speakers will talk about Africa. We will have no Connections meeting in October, as our luncheon will be our Connections program. We will not have a Board meeting in January, but we do plan to have a Connections meeting: Allene Phy-Olsen and Dewey Browder discussing Holocaust skepticism. All ideas for Connections programs should be screened through our coordinator, David Kanervo.

In February, Jim Thompson and Carlette Hardin may talk about how DNA is used in ancestry research. Elliott Herzlich plans to do a program for us later in the year on his jewelry business.

Our STAR meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7. Eloise Weatherspoon and Brad Kirtley were asked to speak about their retirement experiences at this event.

As far as the newsletter is concerned, Joe got a name from Kathy Heuston, Ashley Thompson, as a possible person to help us. David suggested we might pay \$7500 for someone to lay out and print the newsletter. Floyd said he will follow up on the possibilities suggested.

Sharon has been working on the website, fulfilling the role of Webmaster. It was determined that we should ask her if she wants to continue in this role. Perhaps our Publicity Director could help her with this work.

Our next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, December 4.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary Eloise Weatherspoon.