

September 4, 2019
APSURA Board Meeting Minutes

The September 2019 APSURA Board meeting was held on September 4 at the Pace Alumni Center. Members present were Barbara Blackston, Joe Filippo, Carlette Hardin, Cheryl Holt, Alvin Hughes, David Kanervo, Brad Kirtley, Allene Phy-Olsen, Sharon Silva, Nancy Smithfield, Carl Stedman, and Eloise Weatherspoon.

In the absence of Floyd Christian, vice president Carl Stedman presided.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Membership dues are continuing to come in. Sharon said that \$1800 will be moved to the scholarship fund to bring it up to endowment level.

Nancy gave the membership report. Sixteen current members have not paid their dues, and if they still have not responded after a further contact, they will be dropped in October. Even though Lynn Sims is moving to Arizona, she opted to join APSURA for the free year.

Sharon said she will talk with Kris Phillips and Bill Persinger about helping with the newsletter. Joe announced that he has already written an article for the newsletter about our dinner and play event when we saw *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Cheryl wondered if we could get a journalism intern to help us. We could pay someone using money from our newsletter printing fund. A discussion ensued about the advisability of having hard copies of the newsletter as opposed to merely doing it online. Allene and Eloise volunteered to help with grammar and writing style.

In answer to a question about our archives, it was announced that the website overseen by Sharon is our archives.

The paperwork was submitted last week for the scholarship endowment. In three years, \$670 will be available from our interest, in addition to investments and stocks.

There will be no Connections program in September. Our luncheon will be October 24 at 11:30 at First Baptist Church. The charge will be \$19.00, including gratuity. President White will be our speaker.

Our STAR meeting will be on November 7 from 4:00 until 6:00. Brad Kirtley volunteered to talk about his retirement experience. Other possible speakers might be Kell Black and Doris Davenport.

We are still trying to firm up a date for Elliott Herzlich to speak. Floyd and Aleeta will tentatively be telling about their African trip in early December. Allene said she and Dewey Browder might talk about the Holocaust controversy for the January Connections meeting. And Carlette said a tentative program for February might be about ancestry based on DNA. David will be in charge of a program about the elections some time in the spring.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary Eloise Weatherspoon.