

The Illinois Club Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Home of Susan Haney

Present: Pam Bates, Sandy Camargo, Debbie Day, Susan Haney, Marcy Joncich, Jenny Kokini, Vivian Larson, Ann Long, Birgit McCall, Jane Myers, Ted Rowland, Sally Spaulding, Pat Thiessen, Sandi Thomas, Mary Jo Thomsen, Paula Watson, Cathy Williams.

BOARD REPORTS

President – Susan Haney

Susan reported on a number of matters

- E-mail voting results for Marcy (yeas-Susan, Mary Jo, Cathy, Paula, Vivian, Debbie); Lilian (yeas-Susan, Mary Jo, Bryan, Debbie, Paula)
- PayPal membership rates
 - These are \$16 for associate members, \$26 for individual members and \$42 for couples.
- New e-mail links on the website.
 - Roy Campbell is working on adding these. They include links to addresses for President, Events, Newcomers, Interest Groups, Publicity, Webmaster, Newsletter, and Membership.
- Publicity Co-Chair
 - Susan asked for suggestions. None were made at the meeting
- Big 10 Conference
 - The Conference, which focused on scholarships, was a very worthwhile experience. Topics included how to get new donors, cultivation, and related matters.
- Honorary Members
 - Susan has sent letters inviting Chancellor Hermann, President White, and former President Ikenberry to become honorary members. We agreed that a letter also go out to Robert Easter, the Interim Provost.
- Dues renewal contest
 - Sandy Camargo volunteered to help Christina Myers with this.
- Scholarship Fund Agreements
 - These are not yet signed. We have been told that we cannot have a separate fund agreement for the Purnell Scholarships, but that the Club can designate that they go to students of education.
- Scholarship funding issues
 - Susan raised a number of issues concerning scholarships, chief among them being that by recombining the TIC and Purnell Funds, you will strengthen the TIC Fund since much of that was collected during very up market periods, whereas the Purnell funds came during a down market. Owing to the payout for the Purnell monies there is an unanticipated \$10,000 currently available for scholarships which could be used this year either to award scholarships to the FY09 applicants who came very close to making the cut or for a second semester scholarship for '09 awardees.
- Standing Rule for large donations.
 - Susan suggested that we might want to create a standing rule saying that large donations not specified as to purpose by the donor be deposited into the TIC fund.
- A TIC Post Office box has been rented.
- Website: meeting Minutes and Agendas are now being posted to the website.

First VP Programs – Mary Jo Thomsen

- Fall Expo
Since there were low sales last year in the cash bar and minimum sales must be guaranteed, there will be no cash bar this year. Drinks provided will be iced tea and water.
- Entertainment at the Holiday Party will be provided by a cellist and a pianist. President White is planning to attend. The event will be at the President's House no matter what the situation with the Presidency is at that time.
- The Murder Mystery Dinner will take place on February 6 at Milo's.
- March 6 is the date set for the Scholarship Awards Brunch in the Lincoln Room of the I Hotel.
- There is no date yet for the Spring Luncheon since we are still waiting to hear whether former Governor Edgar is willing to speak. He has been given a range of dates.

Second VP Newcomers’ – Jody & Bryan Endres

No report.

Third VP Interest Groups – Cathy Williams

Cathy announced that there is interest in forming an Italian Interest Group, though the person most interested does not speak English. Jenny Kokini, who speaks Italian, volunteered to help make this work. Other Interest Groups in the works include Woodworking, Cycling, and Men's Breakfast.

The Nominating Committee meeting date must be set for early January.

Auditor’s Report – Ann Campbell

Ann, who could not be at the meeting, submitted a written report on behalf of the Committee which consisted of Peri Ceperley, Sheila Krein and herself. The points in the report are as follows:

1. Balances of checking, savings, and CD accounts at Main Street Bank and Trust were verified.
2. The Committee verified UIF and University accounts. All UI (Banner) and UIF accounts appeared on the Asset Summary and Year End Summary.
3. The Treasurer, Debbie Day has done an excellent job in organizing the books and presenting very clear statements and summaries.

Treasurer – Debbie Day

- The TIC CD is now worth \$11,600. This will be used for hosting the Big Ten Conference in Champaign-Urbana in four years.
- As of June 30, 2009 TIC's total assets, including scholarship endowment funds are \$436,788.
- Expenses in July were \$1,017; income for July was \$888 (\$809 was from sales of notecards and tiles).
- Half of the Ikenberry's \$3,000 contribution in June should have been deposited in the TIC fund. A correction will be requested.
- The next check from the Purnell estate should be the final one.

Budget for FY 2010 – Sally Spaulding

- TIC's checking account has been moved within Busey Bank to a no-service-charge account and we have been refunded three months of charges.
- Birgit pointed out that there may be a small annual charge for the domain name which should be reflected in the budget.
- A movement to accept the budget passed.

Newsletter – Susan for Lilian

- August Newsletter went out on time.
- To realize savings, two years of the Masthead were printed
- The November Newsletter deadline is October 8. The Newsletter will go to printers on October 22.

Membership – Susan for Christina Myers

Membership numbers are not yet available. Six individuals and 10 couples paid by using PayPal.

Publicity, General – Susan

No New Faculty Resource Fair has been scheduled as yet and it is unclear whether there will be one this year. Newsletters have been handed out at the Farmers' Market and this has generated some interest. Also, events are being posted to the News-Gazette community calendar.

Publicity, Interest Groups – Pat Thiessen

No report

Webmaster – Birgit McCall

- Website migration is largely complete. PayPal use is going well. Birgit may be able to set up a \$0 response to keep track of registration for the Holiday Party
- Consideration is being given to the addition of a Google calendar function. Weekly events could be displayed here.

Tours – Susan for Carol DeVoss

Susan is hoping that tours of the Business Instructional Facility and the new Colonnade at Memorial Stadium can be arranged.

Corresponding Secretary – Vivian Larson

Ten get well cards, two sympathy cards and one new baby card were sent out.

Scholarships – Sandi Thomas

Sandi had nothing to add at this point to the discussion of scholarships described above in the President's report.

Scholarship Sales – Marcy Joncich

Susan reported that 12 tiles have been sold since May 8 for a total of \$420 and 29 remain. One hundred eleven sets of note cards have been sold for a total of \$1,332. Note cards will be sold at each of this year's events.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Golden Member celebrations:** Susan suggested that it would be nice to find a way to honor those who have been members for over 40 years and she welcomes suggestions.
- **New Standing Rules:** Postponed until next meeting

Next Meeting: October 21 at either Vivian Larson's or Ann Long's.