

The Illinois Club Board Meeting Monday, November 7, 2011

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Sheila Krein at 7:10 pm at the home of Susan Haney. Introductions of those present were made. The following members were in attendance: Sheila Krein, Susan Haney, Mary Jo Thomsen, Patricia Simpson, Pat Davis, Jane Heaton, Alma Bellafiore, Peri Ceperley, Elisa Mustari, Mary Hosier, Stephanie Price, Marcy Joncich, and Nancy Uchtmann.
- II. Secretary's Report – Nancy Uchtmann. An email vote sent Aug. 31 to accept the corrected May 23, 2011 minutes posted on the website was favorable. The voting was closed on Sept. 7. The minutes of August 29, 2011 were emailed and also distributed to those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion was approved. Birgit will be asked to post the minutes on the Illinois Club website.
- III. President's Report - Sheila Krein reported that The Illinois Club was represented at two UI events: the Student Volunteer Fair on Sept 1 and the All Employees Expo on Oct. 18. Susan Haney and Sheila worked at the former event and talked with students and campus representatives about our scholarships and encouraged them to spread the word and to apply. About 50 to 100 min flyers were given out and the leftover mini flyers were given to the Student Volunteer office. Christina Myers, Kathy Marshak, and Sheila worked at the latter event and spoke to many employees about joining TIC. They also sold three prints and many sets of note cards.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Patricia Simpson presented the financial report. Patricia reported the profit from the Fall tour to Kankakee was \$600. The tour bus carried 60 and 4 others drove in a car. Dues paid are down about \$1,000. Our Certificate of Deposit matures on November 10. Patricia recommended rolling over the CD for another six months. Susan moved to let the CD rollover until April 2012. At that time, we could withdraw what is needed this budget year for the 2013 Big Ten Conference and to cover the 2013 Conference expenses from the 2010-11 budget. The remainder would be used to purchase a new CD with an unspecified maturity date. The motion was seconded and passed.
- V. Position and Committee Reports
 - A. Programs – Alma Bellafiore
 1. Alma reported the results of the survey done at the Fall expo. 22 females and 3 males responded to the survey. In general most of those who responded liked social events and appetizers and wanted a holiday party. 15 wanted a brunch on the weekend. 12 wanted campus tours. 18 wanted special events to be musicals. 20 wanted group events such as plays. The majority wanted speakers about travel. The majority of those present were over 70. Alma noted that candy at each table encouraged interaction. Alma asked about reserving the Hilton Inn for the Fall Expo in 2012. The Board agreed.
 2. Alma reported on plans for the Holiday Party on December 8 at Clark-Lindsey. The cost will be \$17 for members, \$22 for guests. Alma will supplement the meal from Clark-Lindsey with food acceptable to those with food allergies. Able bodied members are urged to leave close in parking for those who are less able. Additional parking will be available in the church lot on the north side of Windsor Road.
 3. The Antiques Appraisal and Tea will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at the Urbana Civic Center from 1 - 3 pm. A misprint in the newsletter stated this is on a Saturday, but it is on a Sunday. Matthew Peckham will give a short talk and then do appraisals for up

to 3 hours. As members enter they will be given numbers so that the appraisals will be done in an orderly manner. The cost is \$19 for members and \$24 for guests.

4. The Scholarship Awards Brunch will be held on March 3, 2012 at the Hawthorne Suites. Dr. Robert Easter will be the speaker.
 5. The Spring Luncheon will be held on May 3, 2012 in the back room of Biaggi's Restaurant. Dr. Kathleen Conlin will be the speaker.
- B. Newcomers – This report was given by Stephanie Price and Mary Hosier.
1. The Newcomer's Football Tailgate and after game party was cancelled.
 2. Newcomers will host a visit with the Kanfers at their studio on Neil Street on November 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Champaign artist, Larry Kanfer, and his wife will discuss their art. Light refreshments will be served. There is limited seating for this free event. Newcomers need to register for this event by November 15.
 3. Newcomers will host a show at Parkland's Staerkel Planetarium on Thursday, March 29. The program will be "Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity." Donna Cox will speak. All members are welcome to attend.
 4. The story telling event will be scheduled at a later date.
 5. The Spring tours will be held on Fridays at 4 pm. Those attending will be able to go to an optional dinner after each tour.
- C. Corresponding Secretary – Pat Davis reported that she sent out 4 cards since the last meeting.
- D. Membership – Sheila read the report from Sharon Michalove. Sheila reported that as of Nov. 7 the club had 344 paid members consisting of 81 couples, 163 individual members, 67 newcomers, 15 golden members, 7 associate members and 11 Big Ten Members.
- E. Newsletter – Peri Ceperley reported that the deadline for next newsletter is Jan. 1, 2012. Sheila reported that member Doug Foster volunteered to be the Assistant Newsletter Chair. Peri will contact him.
- F. Scholarships – The report was given by Chairperson, Susan Haney. Susan reported that few people stopped at the Market at the Square. Sales were ½ of last year's sales. However, we have had a few newcomers join via this event. Susan said that at the future Market at the Square she would prefer that the table be set up inside the market area, not along the side of the market. Susan has made this request in writing to the market organizers. Susan reported that neither she nor Judith Robinson think that the Scholarship Committee should be responsible for the market next year. They believe this event should be organized by the membership or publicity chair because the primary goal should be to increase membership. Hopefully this concern will be sorted out by next spring. The Scholarship Committee met last week and their report follows.
1. Judy Ikenbery's donations this fall are in excess of \$5,800. Net proceeds from the sales of these items should be over \$5,000. She donated approximately 2,650 note cards; 277 envelopes; 5 prints; and 2 Motawi tiles. The prints and tiles have been added to the inventory of items for sale. These tiles might also be used for a raffle or as gifts to donors who donate more than \$400.
 2. Sales of donations: 68 sets of note cards have been sold. 12 sets of Holidays cards are left of 47 sets. The new sets are of foreign scenes and US scenes. None of the donated sets mimic sets that we paid for. Thus far we have had \$1,679 in sales of 29 paid sets, 68

donated sets, and 6 prints (does not include \$14.00 in funds or note cards unaccounted for). Susan will discuss with Patricia, treasurer, about how to account for lost or undersold note cards.

3. The committee prefers that we use the cards which have already been paid for as Big Ten Conference gifts. Using donated cards, which are valued at \$10 in scholarship dollars would be more expensive than using the older cards which are valued at \$5 to \$7.50. The cost of these cards can be added to the cost of the conference.
 4. The 2011 Ikenberry holiday note card is called “Nunnery.” We can start selling these cards in the Foreign set in mid-December. Susan will submit an article about these cards for the upcoming newsletter.
 5. Susan noted that Judy donated more note cards than matching envelopes. Thus we need to buy about 2000 more envelopes to sell with the note cards. Stephanie moved that Susan purchase the envelopes as needed. The motion was seconded and carried.
 6. Susan reported that most scholarship recipients received funds by Sept 12. Stephanie Maldonado received her funds on or about 10/3 because her monies came from a new fund for which the paperwork had not yet been established.
 7. The website of the Women’s Resource Center still needs to be updated.
 8. Our website is completely updated for applicants. Our deadline is Dec. 1st. Finalists will be selected at meetings on January 7 & 8. Pat Davis, Mary Jo Thomsen, and Patricia Simpson volunteered to assist if needed in the review of applications. The sales page of the website still needs to be updated.
 9. New scholarship application in Excel should mean a huge savings in time, perhaps in weeks, of dealing with data.
- G. Publicity – Elisa Mustari will ask the News Gazette to cover the Scholarship brunch on March 3. Interest group publicity is handled by Jane Heaton and reports must be submitted by Thursdays at 5 pm. for inclusion in the weekly email news.

VI. Old Business

- A. Membership retention and recruitment. Sheila appointed an ad hoc committee to look into membership issues. This committee is composed of the current Membership Committee (Stephanie Price, Newcomer Chair; Mary Hosier, Asst. Newcomer Chair; Sharon Michalove, Membership Chair, Sandy Camargo, Asst. Membership Chair) and Elisa Mustari, current Publicity Chair, and Kathy Marshak. Kathy, who has served TIC as past President, past Membership chair, and past Newcomer Chair, agreed to chair this committee. They had their first meeting on Nov. 7 and plan to meet again in early December.
- B. The farewell luncheon held for Judy Ikenberry at Vivian Larson’s home was a success. There was no cost to TIC as the food was provided by Vivian Larson and Jane Myers and table decorations were made by Susan Haney. Those invited were the current board, past presidents, past and current scholarship committee members, and large donors to the 2006 fundraising campaign. Invitees were asked for a \$10 donation to go toward flowers sent each month for a year to Judy. About \$300 was raised. Judy was very touched by the luncheon and asked that she receive flowers for only half the year and the difference be split between her scholarship fund and the club’s scholarship fund. It was discovered that the monthly flowers would be more expensive than anticipated and the budget does not allow for such a donation to the scholarship fund. Sheila made a motion to designate \$300 from the sales of note cards to the scholarship funds in Judy’s name. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. New Business

- A. Constitution and Standing Rules – ad hoc Review Committee. Alma, Mary Jo, and Susan volunteered to assist with a review of the Constitution and Standing Rules.
- B. Shelia, assisted by Alma and a few others, will meet with Dr. Wise, the new chancellor, after January 1 and invite her to be an honorary member. She has been sent an information packet.
- C. Martha Alwes has resigned as assistant treasurer. Another assistant treasurer is needed.

VIII. The next meeting will be on January 30 at 7 pm. at the home of Alma Bellafiore.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Uchtmann,
Recording Secretary

The Illinois Club
2011-2012 Budget

Monday, November 07, 2011

		2011-2012	2011-2012
		Actual	Approved Budget
REVENUES			
Interest (on CD & Savings)			30
Dues 2011-2012		7,336.42	8,400
Product Sales (gross)		1,429.00	2,500
Events:			
	Holiday Party	51.84	1,120
	Winter/Spring Event		1,750
	Scholarship Brunch		1,620
	Spring Luncheon		1,000
Tours:			
	Fall	3,444.44	1,650
	Spring		-
Scholarship Donations Received		375.00	*
		<u>\$ 12,636.70</u>	<u>18,070</u>
EXPENSES			
Newsletters/directory		394.65	2,370
Publicity		705.22	900 (buttons, gift card, Krannert ad)
Operations/supplies		19.89	1,200
Newcomers			450
Interest Groups		15.34	100
Archives			200
Big 10 Conference			1,500
Web Site		47.00	200
Inventory		74.25	1,000
Fundraising Incidentals			-
Sales Tax Arrears			-
Sales Tax Current			200

Events:							
	Fall Expo		1,861.43		1,820		
	Holiday Party				1,320		
	Winter/Spring Event		100.00		1,500		
	Scholarship Brunch				1,700		
	Spring Luncheon				1,000		
Tours							
	Fall Tour		2,835.54		1,250		
	Spring Tour				60		
	Remittance of donated funds		375.00		*		
	Scholarship Donations to UIF				<u>1,300</u>		
			<u>\$ 6,428.32</u>		<u>18,070</u>		
Notes: Product sales less cost of inventory and sales tax will be donated to UIF.							
*Whatever amount is received as scholarship donations will be remitted to UIF.							