

The Illinois Club Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 21, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Home of Alma Bellafiore, 711 S. Elm Blvd., Champaign

The meeting was called to order by President Alma Bellafiore. Members present introduced themselves. In attendance were Alma Bellafiore, Sandy Camargo, Ann Campbell, Peri Ceperley, Roma Chenoweth, Bob Davis, Pat Davis, Susan Haney, Jane Heaton, Sheila Krein, Elisa Mustari, Carole Rebeiz, Patricia Simpson, Pat Thiessen, and Mary Jo Thomsen.

Approval of Minutes - Jane Heaton

Jane mentioned the corrections that were to be made to the minutes from the May 7 meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

President's Report - Alma Bellafiore

--The club will have a booth at the Annual Volunteer Fair, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., September 4, at the Illini Union.

--Alma thanked the audit committee (Carole Rebeiz, Joan Friedman, and Martha Kelley) for their hard work.

--Alma, Patricia Simpson, and Mary Jo Thomsen have met on this year's budget.

--We have two new Golden Members, Elizabeth Miley and Donna Konitzki.

Audit Committee - Carole Rebeiz

The Audit Committee, consisting of Joan Friedman, Martha Kelley and Carol Rebeiz, met on July 25. We examined the books, kindly provided by TIC treasurer Patricia Simpson, including a look at one month in detail. We found the Treasurer's records to be accurate and in very good order.

Treasurer's Report - Mary Jo Thomsen

Mary Jo presented the proposed 2012-13 budget. The budget was approved as modified (see appendix).

Vice President's Report - Peri Ceperley

Peri gave an update on events to be held during the coming year:

--The Fall Expo will be from 4-6 p.m., September 10, at the Hilton Garden Inn Chief Illiniwek Room.

--The Holiday Party will be from 4-6 p.m., December 13, at the President's House.

Peri asked for suggestions for entertainment for the party.

--The Scholarship Brunch will be March 2 at the Hawthorn Suites.

--The Spring Luncheon will be May 2 at the Urbana Country Club.

Newcomers - Alma Bellafiore

The following events are planned for Newcomers:

- Wednesday, August 22, 4-6 p.m. Open House at Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery, 4410 N. Lincoln Ave., Champaign
- Friday, September 14, 6-9 pm. Newcomers special invitation to Wine Lover's Group Outdoor Garden Part featuring Argentinean wine at Cinda and Jim Pettigrew's home, 21 Greencroft Dr., Champaign.
- Friday, September 28, 6:30-9 p.m. Newcomer/Illinois Club Board Member Wine and Cheese Mixer at Alma Bellafiore's home, 711 S. Elm Blvd., Champaign.
- Friday, October 19, Dessert Potluck and Theater
 - 6 pm., Dessert at Stephanie Price's home, 4303 Curtis Meadow Dr., Champaign
 - 7:30 p.m., show of Champaign Urbana Theatre Company's production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" at Parkland Theater, 2400 W. Bradley, Ave., Champaign.

Tours - Julia Schmidt

The following tours are planned:

- October 5, 7:45 a.m. to 5 pm, Bus trip to McLean County, to include lunch and visits to Twin Groves Windmill Farm, David Davis Mansion, and a tour and wine tasting at the White Oak Vineyards..
- February 8, 3:30 pm, Tour of Buzard Pipe Organ Builders. Immediately afterward at 5 p.m. there will be an optional gathering for drinks and dinner at Desthil.

Interest Groups - Pat Thiessen

There will be a meeting for all interest group chairs on Thursday, August 23. At this time there are no chairs for:

- Bridge, Evening: NO CHAIR – GROUP INACTIVE
- Genealogy: 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m. TBA: NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE.
- Let's Do Lunch: 2nd Fri., 11:30 a.m. NO CHAIR – GROUP INACTIVE.

Antiques and Collectibles might be inactive, also.

Corresponding Secretary - Roma Chenoweth

Roma reported that she had sent cards to several people.

Membership - Sandy Camargo

To date we have received dues payments for 177 members. The total includes 49 couples (or 98 individuals).

Newsletter - Bob and Pat Davis

The August newsletter will go to press the following morning. Several draft copies were passed around for board members to review and suggest corrections. The deadline for the November newsletter is October 1.

Scholarship - Patricia Simpson

The scholarship committee will meet on Monday, August 27. It was recommended and approved that the following be awarded for the next year:

- 9 total Make-A-Difference & Isabelle Purnell awards of \$2,000 each
- 1 Judith Life Ikenberry Fine Arts Award of \$3,600
- 1 Susan T. Haney Social Work Award of \$3,000

Publicity - Elisa Mustari

Elisa had tried unsuccessfully to get a response from the News-Gazette about placing an ad for the Fall Expo. Other possible avenues of publicity were discussed, including Inside Illinois, Eweek, WILL radio, and "CU on the Flip Side." Elisa is also trying to get a list of new hires from the university.

Club Communications - Ann Campbell

Ann is now preparing the emails on a weekly basis, after sending them out less frequently over the summer. She is relying on the Club Calendar, so members should make sure information about events is posted there.

Webmaster – Susan Haney

Mike Haney has been updating the website.

Big 10 Conference - Susan Haney

The committee will be meeting soon. The opening reception will be at the President's House. She mentioned trying to organize a tour of Blue Waters. Susan said she is asking interest groups for bag stuffers for the Big 10 attendees.

Old Business

Ad hoc membership committee - Elisa Mustari

The membership survey was conducted through Survey Monkey and the response rate was good. The committee is putting together a list of proposals to bring to the board. The ad hoc committee, in its current membership, will continue for another year.

New Business

Susan Haney requested that members send information for the calendar to calendar@theillinoisclub.org.

No nonprofit spots remain for Market at the Square for the month of September. The club will skip the farmers' market for this year.

Susan Haney will attend the Chancellor's reception and will informally inform attendees about The Illinois Club.

The next TIC board meeting will be Monday, October 29, at Alma Bellafiore's home, 711 S. Elm Blvd., Champaign.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.