

THE ILLINOIS CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

7:00 p.m. Monday, November 11, 2013
At Sarah Wisseman's home

Call to order and Introductions

Approval of Minutes from Last Board Meeting (8-19-2013) – Susan Haney amended the minutes of the August board meeting. They were then approved by the board.

Board Reports

President's Report – Peri Ceperley

She thanked Susan Haney, Marcy Joncich, Pat Davis, Linda Lopez, Sarah Wisseman and Pat Cardenas for attending employee expo, student volunteer fair, and new faculty/staff events. It was agreed that the student volunteer fair was not worth going to in future years.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Lopez (and Budget)

Since there are fewer members than expected this year, the working budget differs from the initially proposed budget. There is about \$6000 in our university account which can be used to pay for functions at the university. It was agreed that some money should be put into a CD. We should use the revenue from dues to pay for non-university expenses. There was a discussion about the Foundation – Linda noted that we are not notified about who donates how much. We might like to be notified. Our product sales profits eventually go to the UIF. Members' donations go to the UIF.

Vice President's Report - Sarah Wisseman

Old Business – Fall Expo – Although we only paid for 70 people at the fall expo, over 100 people attended and there was plenty of refreshments. The cost was \$2187.81.

Upcoming Events:

Holiday Party, Thursday, December 19, 2013, 7pm-9pm, Windsor of Savoy – It will be a dessert party. Cost will be \$20/person based on 75 guests.

Saturday, March 1, 2014, Scholarship Brunch in the Union 3rd floor

Thursday, May 8, 2014, Spring Luncheon – Illini Union Colonial Room, max 75 guests.

Newcomer's Report – Kathy Marshak

Old Business: All these events were well-received:

Welcome Reception at Kathy Marshak's home, Thursday, August 29

Krannert Uncorked, Thursday, Sept. 26, 5-7

Spurlock Museum + lunch at Bread Company, Wed. Oct. 23, 11 am

Upcoming Events – an outing to Amish country with perhaps a meal there.

Mentor Program – there are 17 current members as mentors.

Tours Report – Julia Schmidt (absent) – upcoming tour Jan. 24 to Herff-Jones factory

Interest Groups Report – Ann Long. Ann requested list of attendees of each interest group.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Roma Chenoweth (absent)

Roma has sent three cards since our last meeting: sympathy card to family of Dorothy Salisbury; sympathy card to family of Mary Jo Thomsen; thinking of you card to Vivian Larsen.

Membership Report – Sandy Camargo – The directory is finished. Membership - 71 couples, 138 singles, plus Golden members = 292 members in all. This includes 53 newcomers.
Newsletter Report – Pat and Bob Davis

Scholarships – (Patricia Simpson - absent) & Susan Haney

We will be offering 9 combined Make-A-Difference and Purnell Education Awards of \$2,000 each, 1 Haney Social Work Award of \$3,000 and 1 Ikenberry Fine Arts Award of \$3,400 this year.

Although there was an approval of a new award for \$2,000, the STEM Education Award, the university does not want to let us create another scholarship where we decide the winner. Mike and Susan Haney are in negotiation with the university and hope to get that stance changed, but at the moment it is not looking hopeful. Judy Ikenberry has expressed to the foundation that she is very happy with how we administer her scholarship and does not want to see any changes made to the program, and so has helped our cause a bit in that way.

If the university won't allow the new award, the donation to that fund will be moved to the Social Work Fund and we will need to increase the amount of that award for this year in order to spend that fund down and not create any new issues about stewardship of our awards by allowing funds to accumulate. We should know more by the next board meeting.

We had over 240 applicants to the scholarship program this year (deadline of Nov. 1) and are busy reviewing them. We now have narrowed down the Ikenberry and Haney Social Work finalists to 3 each. We will be meeting soon to decide upon the Purnell finalists, and then the MAD finalists before the end of the semester.

We've also added a number of new cards to our sales collection, increasing the foreign-themed cards as well as adding a number of holiday-themed cards. Judy has given us both cards and prints lately, including a new Russian-themed print and card.

Publicity – Peri thanked Susan Haney, Sheila Krein and Ann Campbell for their efforts.

KCPA program (Susan), Inside Illinois (Sheila), Eweek (Ann)

Publicity Interest Groups – Ann Campbell

Historian – Sandi Thomas

Web Master Report – Mike Haney, Birgit McCall – It was mentioned that when Peri sends out an email to the group there is always a warning about the email being a possible phishing email. Mike said he didn't know why. Peri and Ann C. said they would look into it.

New Business

Peri asked to be sure everyone had paid dues for 2013-14

NEXT TIC BOARD MEETING – January 27, 2014, at Ann Long's house

Adjournment