

THE ILLINOIS CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES
7:00 pm, Monday, January 27, 2014
Ann Long's house

Call to order and Introductions:

Present: Peri Ceperley (presiding), Carl Altstetter, Anne Anderson, Sandy Camargo (acting Recording Secretary), Ann Campbell, Mike Haney, Susan Haney, Marcy Joncich, Ann Long, Linda Lopez, Kathy Marshak, Sandi Thomas

Approval of Minutes from Last Board Meeting (11-11-2013):

Peri Ceperley reported that Doug Foster, the Recording Secretary has been hospitalized since November, following an aortic aneurysm. Ann Campbell moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting, which were cobbled together from Board reports and Peri's notes; Sandy seconded, and the Board approved. It was decided that the Nominating Committee would ask the person nominated as Recording Secretary for next year if he or she would be willing to start his/her term early, since it is likely that Doug will be hospitalized for some little while yet.

Board Reports

Treasurer's report (Linda Lopez):

Underlined numbers represent money spent.

Current Busey Bank Balance: \$13,988.16

Current University Ledger Balance 3053.33 (correction in progress)

Expenses:

TIC newsletter 9-25-13 377.59

TIC membership directory 11-23-13 257.21

TIC newsletter 11-13-13 1435.21

There is now a correction in progress. Credit of 1195.52

charge that remains 239.69

Krannert ad FY 2014 660.00**

Charter Bus rental for February Tour 600.00

Income since last report related to winter party: 904.00

Expenses from winter party: 980.00

Total beyond income \$76 from Busey account

Secretarial efforts:

1. Wrote to Scholarship contact (LeAnn Gross) requesting tax info and thank-you acknowledgements be given directly to donor even if donation was on a dual-purpose check. This request is necessary because, when a member sends a single check for Club dues and UIF contribution, the Treasurer has to issue a Club check for that UIF contribution. Up till now, the UIF would acknowledge the Club/Linda Lopez as the donor, not the original contributor. No response from UIF as yet.

2. Spoke with and sent mail to IL tax department to update 'officer' names and social security numbers.

3. Requested sales info in order to report tax info to IL. The due date was changed to

January 1. Linda suggests filing in November before the Scholarship applications come in. Susan said she would make up the penalty for the late filing this time.

** There was some discussion about whether the Krannert ad is worth the cost. This issue was tabled until the next Board meeting. Advertising on WILL Radio may be an alternative.

Treasurer had two requests:

1. Either the Newsletter Staff or the Treasurer should be given a copy of the bill before it is charged to the University account. Bob Davis will be reminded to do this next time.
2. A better method of filing tax materials so that they do not interfere with scholarship time lines should be instituted. This will require Susan Haney to get the information to the Treasurer earlier than in years past.
3. Would like a link for reimbursement forms on the Board webpage. Ideally, this would link to a fillable Excel spreadsheet that could be filled out and emailed to the Treasurer. Mike Haney said he would do this.

Vice President's Report: Sarah Wisseman (absent)

Old Business: The Holiday Party, which this year was a wine and dessert party at the Windsor of Savoy, is counted as a success. Nearly 50 people attended. The harp music was especially appreciated.

Upcoming events (Anne Anderson):

Scholarship Brunch, Saturday, March 1, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Illini Union Room 314A. Phyllis Wise will be our speaker! The cost before February 19 will be \$18.50 for members and \$23.50 for nonmembers; Feb. 19-21 the price will go up to \$23.50 for members and guests. (All prices will be \$1 more if paypal is used.) The Board was relieved to be told that the capacity for the room is 100 people. (note – It was found that that the room capacity is 80 if a buffet is used – which we were planning to use.) Since Chancellor Wise will be speaking, the *News-Gazette* will be asked if they are interested in covering the Brunch.

Spring Luncheon, Thursday, May 8, 2014, 11:30am–1:00pm, Illini Union Colonial Room. The speaker will be Wayne Pitard, Professor of Religion and the Director of the Spurlock Museum. The capacity of the Colonial Room is 75 people, so attendance will have to be first come/first served. Cost of the Luncheon TBD.

Discussion: The Board was asked to consider a consistent policy on refunds, reservation deadlines, and whether to allow members to skip the meal and just come to hear the speaker. The Board agreed that refunds would not be given and that the price of hearing the speaker was the price of the meal. The Board was willing to let the Reservations Manager decide on the deadline policy.

Newcomers Report: Kathy Marshak

The next Newcomers event will be a trip to visit the Amish on April 12. The trip will include lunch at an Amish farm and a farm tour. This will be a family event, including children. Visits to a museum will be optional. Rather than renting a bus, people will carpool, so that they have more flexibility in choosing which optional

activities, if any, they care to do. The details of this excursion are still being worked out. The cost for the meal is estimated at \$16.95, but will depend on which farm is hosting the dinner. A reservation form will be in the newsletter.

The mentoring program is getting underway. Mentees were selected from a list of this year's members, and those who were interested were assigned to a mentor. Mentors and mentees will meet for coffee and/or lunch during the Spring.

Tours Report: Linda Lopez/Julia Schmidt (absent)/Kathy Valdes (absent)

The Herff-Jones tour was a huge success. Linda sent photos of the tour to those who attended as well as to the Newsletter.

Upcoming tour: Friday, February 21, 2014, The Chihuly exhibit at the Peoria Art Museum. The bus will leave at 8am and return around 4pm. A guided tour has been arranged. The tour needs 50 people to break even.

Interest Group Report: Ann Long and Carl Altstetter

All people attending interest-group meetings have paid their dues, except one. Ann Long is working on this.

Nominating Committee: Ann Long is chairing the nominating committee, which will meet on Wednesday. The slate of nominees needs to be sent to members one week before the Scholarship Brunch, when the vote is to be taken.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Roma Chenoweth (absent)

Roma sent out several cards since the last Board meeting. Marcy Joncich volunteers to take over this job next year. She suggests that the Corresponding Secretary buy (and get reimbursed for) and use Ikenberry note cards. It was decided that the cards with UI motifs would be best.

Membership Report: Sandy Camargo

We have 305 members. Since the last Board meeting in November, we have 8 newcomers. We have 78 couples, so the number of men in the Illinois Club is about 25 percent of the total membership.

A supplement to the Directory, with the contact information for members whose dues came in after the deadline, will appear in the next Newsletter.

Newsletter Report: Bob and Pat Davis (absent)

There is a desperate need for a new Newsletter chair who will be able to start his/her term early so that Bob and Pat can show them the ropes putting together the April issue. The April issue will need to go out early in the month because of the Spring Luncheon.

The February issue has a deadline of January 31. The list of new Board members needs to be included in that issue. If the slate is incomplete at the time of the Newsletter deadline, the membership can be notified by email when the missing slots are filled.

Scholarships Report: Patricia Simpson (absent); Susan Haney

Susan and Mike are in the process of finalizing the new Haney scholarship funds agreement. At the last Board meeting, we weren't sure that we would be allowed to create the new STEM scholarship that we wanted to have with the UIF. What the University decided to do late last fall was to allow us to amend our old Social Work agreement and create two scholarships within that fund agreement. Each scholarship will have its own endowment fund, however, so we can vary how much each fund will have. The timely payment of scholarship awards remains a problem that we are working on with UIF.

What seems clear is that no new fund agreements like ours or the Ikenberrys' will be allowed. Any new agreements with the UIF will require that University personnel decide who the scholarship winners are.

In our meeting with Alex Schmidt, the Stewardship Chair for campus, he was still very concerned about how the Club could possibly be qualified to decide anything based on financial need. He was satisfied when he learned that we use the students' award letters as a basis for these judgments.

We had over 245 applications, 224 of whom qualified for one or more scholarships. The Scholarships Committee interviewed 12 applicants for the Ikenberry and the Purnell/Haney STEM scholarships on January 25, and will see the remaining 17 Make-a-Difference/Mary Jo Thomsen memorial scholarship candidates on February 1. The winners' names will be announced following the second batch of interviews. The exceptional Scholarship Committee has put in a ton of work and a special thank-you to each of them.

Sales Report: Susan Haney

Sales for new cards were not exceptional last fall as there were delays in getting the materials proofed and printed, and Susan had no time to go to interest-group meetings, which has been the most successful way to introduce new card designs and to stimulate sales. Susan hopes to have more time this spring.

Susan will get the numbers pulled together and sent to Linda so that she can send the money to UIF for the Ikenberry and TIC funds for our "profits" on sales.

Historian's Report: Sandi Thomas

Sandi will try to arrange with Carl Larson to collect Vivian's archives.

Webmaster Report: Mike Haney; Birgit McCall (absent)

The Board is to create/collect job descriptions and send them to Mike Haney. Google Wiki was suggested as a possible platform for this collection, but Mike has reservations about it. Ann Campbell suggested Dropbox or Box as other possibilities.

Next Board Meeting:

March 31, 7:00 pm, at Peri Ceperley's house, 2114 Lynwood Dr., Champaign.