

TIC Board Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2016

Patty Gropp's house

Attending: Ann Campbell (President), Julia Schmidt (Vice President), Kathy Marshak (Events), Jenny Kokini (Treasurer), Marita Romine (Assistant Treasurer), Carrol Bunick (Interest Groups), Kathy Valdes (Club Communications), Libby Johnston (Assistant Club Communications), Ann Long (Membership), Patty Gropp (Assistant Membership), Sharon Michalove (Scholarships), Marcy Joncich (Reservations & Corresponding Secretary), Sandy Camargo (Past President & Acting Recording Secretary)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Ann Campbell. Ann introduced Marita Romine, who has agreed to assume the post of Assistant Treasurer, to the great applause of the Board. Ann also offered business cards, note cards, and letterhead to anyone who needed them.

Events: Kathy Marshak

The Fall Expo at the Champaign Public Library was a success. The location created a change of style, cozier and more conducive to interaction. The cost of the food was reasonable, and there was no charge for the room. LA Gourmet came in for great praise. Food was ordered for 60 people; attendance was actually 112, but there was plenty of food. Those attending included 84 people who had already paid their dues and 18 who paid on the day; a list was compiled of 10–15 people who expressed an interest in joining.

The Holiday Party will be December 8th at the President's House, from 4 to 6. The Killeens have agreed to pay part of the cost. JoEllen DeVilbiss will play piano in the living room, and the Uni High School Madrigals will perform on the grand staircase. The President's House has agreed to treat the entertainers as their guests at the party.

Attendance, based on the last time the party was at the President's House, is estimated to be 125. Ann asked Kathy if there were any limits on the number of attendees; Kathy didn't think so. They will need a final head count by December 1. So the Monday after Thanksgiving—November 28—will be the reservation deadline. The price was set as \$15 for members, \$20 for guests.

Kathy Valdes will work with Mike Haney to get live links to PayPal and to the online reservation form.

The Sesquicentennial: Libby Johnston

There is a website for the sesquicentennial: 150.illinois.edu. However, there is not much there yet. The kickoff event will be February 28; the final event will be May Commencement in 2018.

One of the online elements on the website is a timeline. Libby will look into an opportunity to submit information about our founding and a link to our history.

The Alice Campbell Center is planning permanent displays about the University's history. There might be a place there for something about the Club. It was suggested that Libby reach out to Paula Carns, our Historian.

Treasurer's Report: Jenny Kokini

The report was circulated.

August expenses: \$189.59 to Carrol Bunick for materials for the IG Chairs meeting

September expenses: \$340.84 for the August mailing

There was discussion about using the University account to pay for events, even with non-University vendors, since no tax would be charged. This will be looked into more closely in connection with the Spring Luncheon at the Urbana Country Club.

Ann Campbell reminded the Board of the reimbursement procedures, which have not been scrupulously followed, particularly in terms of getting invoices to the Treasurer in a timely way.

Mike will be asked to provide PayPal balances.

Memberships: Ann Long

We have 210 members: 90 individuals, 57 couples, and 6 newcomers. Two non-UI-affiliated newcomers—Jennifer Willett and Alan Penwell—were formally proposed for membership; unanimously approved.

Ann L. and Patty plan to work on the Directory this weekend. Kathy V. will put a note in this week's e-news to poke people who may have forgotten to renew their membership.

Acknowledging UIF contributions was discussed. Marcy sends cards to people who donate along with their dues. Members who send donations directly to UIF are acknowledged by UIF directly.

Newcomers:

The wine and cheese welcome event was cancelled. No other newcomer events are planned. Ann Campbell is considering planning something that would include our 6 newcomers and a Board member or two.

Interest Groups: Carrol Bunick

There are 17 active Interest Groups. Carrol has asked the Chairs to send her their member lists. She has had a good response; only 4 groups have not sent theirs in. Carrol will use the lists to see if those who are attending have paid their dues. If she finds someone who has not, she will contact the interest-group chair and ask them to gently ask the person to pay up.

Carrol would like her assistant Tom Hodson to have access to the database so that he can help her do this. She will ask Mike Haney to get Tom a login name and a password.

Scholarships: Sharon Michalove

181 applications received: 20 Global Focus, 15 Purnell, 134 MADs, and 12 Ikenberrys. 7–9 MAD/Purnell scholarships and 1 Ikenberry Scholarship will be awarded, depending on how much money we actually have, which won't be determined until January.

Kathy M. said that the iHotel has agreed to provide a block of rooms at a discounted price for the Scholarship Brunch. She will send the Scholarship Committee an email with the details of this offer.

Tours, reported by Sheila Krein

The Lincoln's Trials and Tribulations dinner theater tour to Oakland, IL was on September 24. There were 15 in attendance, which included members and members of their families. Many of our members took advantage of the other Lincoln events throughout the day, especially those in Oakland and Lerna. One member was especially happy because

she says she can never attend tours or events during the day because of her work, so she and her husband were able to enjoy the Saturday events.

There is a tour planned for this Friday, November 4 highlighting two places on campus that offer services and resources for those with disabilities. At 3:15 PM, we will go to The Autism Program (TAP) and at 4:15 PM we will begin a tour next-door at the Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education. There is an optional dinner planned at the Intermezzo Cafe in Krannert afterward. 20 people have signed up for this tour and 10 for the dinner.

Other tours in the planning stages are of Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola (combined tour with Antiques interest group) and the State Farm Center. We will need to wait until after the new year to finalize dates.

Club Communications: Kathy Valdes

Setting the reservations deadline as November 28th for the Holiday Party means preparing the November mailing is a priority. Kathy will work on the reservations form, and Memberships will work on the Directory, which will be bound into that mailing.

Kathy V. will be traveling a lot in the coming weeks. She has prepared the weekly e-news through December. Libby will cover.

Corresponding Secretary: Marcy Joncich

Cards were sent to several ailing members.

Ann Campbell praised Mike Haney, our Webmaster, who is doing a stellar job.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15, probably a world record.

The next Board meeting will be January 23, at Libby Johnston's house.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Camargo