

The Illinois Club Minutes, 1/22/2018

The Illinois Club Board met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2018, at the home of Linda Lopez. Attending were Kathy Valdés, Julia Schmidt, Sandy Camargo, Ann Campbell, Libby Johnston, Mike Haney, Jenny Kim, Sheila Krein, Linda Lopez, Marita Romine, Alice Taylor, and Cathy Jackson. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Kathy Valdés.

President, Kathy Valdés

The November minutes were approved via e-mail.

Meetings and Events, report submitted by Kathy Marshak and reported by Kathy Valdés

Holiday party: The Holiday Party was held at Milo's, appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks were included, entertainment was provided by students from the Lyric Theatre at Illinois. 66 members and guests attended; we paid for 67 as 63 who responded plus 4 musicians. As is frequently the case--some thought they had responded but didn't, some couldn't make it but paid.

Scholarship brunch: we will have the same menu and setup as last year, prices were set at \$18 members/\$23 guests at the previous board meeting. Scholarship committee, nominating committee, and President Kathy Valdés will deal with distribution of agendas, etc. on the day, and Marcy will do name tags. Each scholarship winner may bring one guest free of charge, additional guests are permitted but will be charged the guest fee. Brunch will be at the I Hotel in the Quad Room.

Spring luncheon: Silvercreek, cost is 17.50 per person plus service, total 20.65, which is the same as with Milo's. Kathy M. suggested we use \$18 members/\$23 guests again, which gives a little cost to Club depending on breakdown of attendees.

Moved by Ann, seconded by Sandy, to accept the \$18/\$23 fee for the Spring Luncheon. Motion approved.

Treasurer, report submitted by Allan Penwell and reported by Marita Romine

Marita reported the balance sheet and profit and loss statements prepared by Treasurer Allan Penwell for the first six months of our fiscal year. The following points are related to the balance sheet:

- The checking account balance is \$16,056.32.
- The University account balances are \$3,769.00.
- The PayPal account balance was zero at 12-31-17 as all funds were transferred to the checking account. The account will be replenished as members use PayPal for payment of events, etc.

The following are related to the profit and loss statement and the budget.

- There is a year-to-date profit of \$1,011.68.

- Holiday party income was close to the budget of \$1,300.00. Expenses were \$1,583.55 which were under the \$1,800 budgeted.
- Tour income and expenses were close to budget.
- The fall expo expenses were \$2,429.26 which is slightly over the budget of \$2,400.00
- The club made a scholarship donation of \$1,000 to UIF which was the amount included in the budget.
- Agenda expenses (which might be re-categorized to mailing and printing) include the newsletter and membership directory. YTD expenditures are \$839.79 which are under the annual budget of \$1,800 but two more mailings are scheduled. The expenditures to date include two quarterly mailings, the directory, and business cards.

Expenses through the remainder of the fiscal year were projected as noted. An annual loss of (\$1,412.53) is currently estimated, which is less than the budgeted loss of (\$1,920.00).

Kathy Valdés, Kathy Marshak, Ann Campbell, and Allan Penwell met with three UIUC employees to discuss handling of our University account through which several of our expenses pass through for a savings of sales tax and printing costs. There are issues as to the continuance of this working relationship, and we hope to have these resolved shortly.

Scholarships, reported by Sandy Camargo

First day of scholarship interviews: January 20, 2018

Committee members present for interviews: Sandy Camargo (chair), Ann Campbell, Anne Heiles, and Ann Webbink. Ann Long is still in England, and Jenny Kim was ill and unable to attend.

Ten candidates were interviewed by the committee on Saturday (an eleventh was a no-show), as follows:

- 3 candidates for the Global Award
 - A fourth candidate was ill and was rescheduled
- 2 candidates for the Sesquicentennial Award
- 3 candidates for the Purnell Award
- 2 candidates for the Ikenberry Award.
 - A third Ikenberry candidate, who was studying abroad starting in January, was interviewed on December 18th.

Interviews will be continuing the following Saturday with the candidates for the Make-a-Difference Award and with the Global Award candidate who was ill and missed his slot this past Saturday.

While the committee have expressed preferences for the winners of these named awards, they are waiting until they interview the MAD candidates and the rescheduled Global Award candidate before making their final judgments.

Ann Campbell offered to invite the Provost to be the guest speaker at the Scholarship Brunch.

Membership, report submitted by Patty Gropp and reported by Kathy Valdés

Since our last board meeting, 2 individuals and 3 couples have renewed, plus we have added 3 new individuals and 2 new couples.

People in this group without a known U of I connection are: Theresa de Valence and Thomas Mercer-Hursh (a couple), Teresa Kinka, Shirley Sha, Jim and Alice Faron, and Wanda Haschek. Moved by Sandy, seconded by Linda, to approve the non-affiliated new members. Motion carried unanimously.

The membership directory supplement is in the works.

Newcomers, reported by Linda Lopez

Twenty-one members and friends of The Illinois Club joined for a tour of the Champaign County Historical Museum. TJ arrived as our host (Museum Board President) and shared the history of the space, the history of Taste of Champaign, and the history of the Museum with its heritage including many items from the former Museum at the Wilbur Mansion. He encouraged all to join the Museum. <https://www.champaigncountyhistory.org/support>

Some members continued to the Riggs Beer Brewery. We enjoyed the casual space, beverages, some pulled pork, veggies, snacks and simple conversation. Alfonso Valdes shared Americana music with our group---the other areas were loud and we could not enjoy our treat.

Linda is continuing to work on two additional events for this year but responses/commitments have been slow. There may be a tea at Sylvia's Irish Inn if it can be coordinated.

Linda is delighted to have Sharon Grogan on Board for 2018-19 Newcomer activities.

Interest Groups and Nominations, reported by Julia Schmidt

Interest groups are meeting on schedule. It would be nice to recognize the interest group chairs at the Spring Luncheon, as many of them do a lot to keep their groups going.

There is a partial slate of nominees, but the nominating committee is still working to find candidates for some of the positions. The nominating committee includes Julia Schmidt, Linda Lopez, Susan Haney, Peggy Huson, and Ann Campbell. The election will be at the Scholarship Brunch.

Tours, reported by Sheila Krein

There will be a tour of the Renovated Natural History Building and optional dinner at The Bread Company on Feb. 7, 2018. So far, 22 people have signed up for the tour and 9 for the dinner.

Newsletter/Communications, reported by Libby Johnston

The e-news is being produced on schedule, and the quarterly mailing is pretty much set. The quarterly mailing will have the directory supplement and the signup for the Scholarship Brunch.

Corresponding Secretary, reported by Alice Taylor

One card sent this month, a get-well card to Ana Gurfinkel for her knee replacement.

Webmaster, reported by Mike Haney

No report.

Old Business

Meeting on status of University account (see Treasurer's report, above).

New Business

Ann Campbell was appointed as Assistant Webmaster.

There was a brief discussion on whether Tours and Newcomers should be integrated. The answer was not necessarily, they serve different purposes and can coordinate outings as appropriate.

It was suggested that it might be nice to put small head shots of the board members on the website, so that members, especially new members, would have a little more context for who is on the board.

The next board meeting will be March 26th at 7 p.m., at the EnterpriseWorks Building.

The meeting was adjourned by the president.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Jackson, Recording Secretary