

**The Illinois Club
Board Meeting
November 10, 2014**

The Illinois Club Board met at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2014 at the home of Linda Lopez. Attending were Sarah Wisseman, Mike Haney, Susan Haney, Ann Campbell, Kathy Valdes, Linda Lopez, Pat Thiessen, Marguerite Maguire, Pat Davis, Carl Altstetter, Kathy Marshak, Sheila Krein and Sandy Camargo.

The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Wisseman. Minutes of the last meeting on August 25 were approved.

REPORTS

President: Sarah reported that the Fall Expo went well, with good attendance. The audit has been done, with Carol Rebeitz and Sheila Krein helping Sarah. The Scholarship brunch was over budget due to the club paying for the meals of scholarship winners and their guests.

Treasurer: Pat Thiessen passed around the Treasurer's report as of November 10 and a proposed budget for 2014-15. As of November 10, 2014, the Busey Bank account balance was \$19,587.59 and the University account balance was \$1,493.59. One check for expenses and one check from sales are still outstanding. PayPal receipts of \$589.29 will be deposited to the Busey account. PayPal can handle receipts from more than one event at a time. Pat also passed out the budget for 2014-15 which was approved.

Meeting Manager: Anne Anderson was not present. The Holiday Party will be at the President's House on December 11 from 4-6, with reservations required by December 4 along with payment. Mrs. Easter set the price at \$15 per person, which covers food, drink, staff and parking. Members must pay \$10 each, with the Club paying the extra \$5. Guests are welcome for \$15 each. Suggestions for a pianist were discussed, and one will be contacted. The President's House is overwhelmed with requests for its use, and it is unlikely that we can count on having a holiday party there in the future.

Newcomers: Kathy Marshak reported on the wine and cheese party at her house, a lunch on September 30, and the tour of the U of I pollinatarium this

fall for an enthusiastic group of newcomers. Spring events include a tour of Prairie Fruits farm and a performance at the Station Theater, both in the spring. Volunteer mentors have been successfully paired with newcomers for the year. Susan Haney attended the U of I Employees Expo and handed out TIC information to interested persons.

Tours: Kathy Valdes reported that it is extremely difficult to fill a bus for a tour. Organizing a carpool has been successful and may be used again. Alternately, local tours may be offered, or tours in conjunction with another organization such as Krannert Art Museum Council.

Interest Groups: Carl Alstetter stated that TIC Expo was successful, and most interest groups were represented. Signups went well. Painting is another new interest group. He will be checking interest group lists against club membership to make sure that all attendees are club members.

Corresponding Secretary: Marcy Joncich was not present.

Membership: Sandy Camargo reported that TIC has 282 members consisting of 136 individuals, 69 couples (138) and 8 associate members. This is 15 fewer than last year.

Newsletter: Ann Campbell said the new directory has been printed, and is awaiting the printing of the newsletter before it will be mailed to members in the immediate future. Members are encouraged to contribute news and photos. The newsletter will include signup for the Holiday Party.

Scholarship: Susan Haney reported that 194 students applied for scholarships so far. This is fewer than last year due to less advertising. She will continue to advertise. Ten percent of the applicants do not qualify because they do not read the rules for applying. Difficulties in paying out STEM grants is improving.

Publicity: Carrol Bunick was not present.

Webmaster: Mike Haney, no report. However, discussion continued about a new website, new online communications and improving accessibility of membership information. It was suggested that an Excel database be used for membership data, with the master copy locked. This discussion will continue. Mike advised that if the club employs someone to make changes,

the club's wishes should be very clearly defined beforehand, or it will become an expensive proposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Sarah announced that a Nominating committee is needed for next year's officers. Sarah will try to find a chair, and Susan and Carl offered to help make calls. The plan is to first determine if assistant officers will move up, then fill empty offices with nominees. Sarah is not continuing as President and there is no current vice president, and these offices will be hard to fill.

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held at Sarah Wisseman's house on January 26, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Marguerite Maguire
Recording Secretary

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