

**The Illinois Club
Board Meeting
March 30, 2015**

The Illinois Club Board met at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2015, at the home of Susan and Mike Haney. Attending were Sarah Wisseman, Mike Haney, Susan Haney, Ann Campbell, Marguerite Maguire, Carl Altstetter, Kathy Marshak, Sandi Thomas, Ann Long, Carrol Bunick, Sandy Camargo, Julia Schmidt, Kathy Valdes, and Pat Thiessen.

Before the meeting, the Board reminisced about Past President Peri Ceperley, a dear friend of many, who died on March 25, 2015. Her contributions to The Illinois Club were wholehearted and untiring. She will be sorely missed.

The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Wisseman. Minutes of the last meeting on January 26 were approved with small changes.

REPORTS

Events:

The Scholarship Brunch went well. Susan Haney said that a video of the event was posted on the Dropbox link. Students signed publicity waivers. Mrs. Easter, the speaker, will be contacted to see if she will permit such publicity for herself. Departments of students winning scholarships can get copies of the video, which will be free publicity for the club and the annual scholarships.

The Spring Luncheon will be on May 14, with a deadline of May 8 to sign up. Sandy Camargo reported that Anne Anderson has arranged for a buffet luncheon from 11:30-1:30 at Hawthorn Suites, \$14 per member and \$19 for guests. Potential members are welcome. The Club can set up at 11AM and the buffet will begin at 11:45. A microphone and podium will be available for speaker Dr. Wayne Pitard. After lunch and before the speaker, the members will vote by paper ballot on a resolution to change the Constitution. The change will consolidate Newsletter, Club Communications and Publicity positions into Communications and Assistant Communications. Sarah will email the revised proposal to the Board for approval prior to the spring luncheon. This change is desirable since most of our communications are now electronic.

The Fall Expo and Signup will be on September 14 at the Hilton Garden Inn from 4-6 PM.

Treasurer: There was no report. We have no new members.

Newcomers: Kathy Marshak reported a good turnout of old and new members for the February event. The spring tour of Prairie Fruits Farms will feature baby goats. Everyone should be mindful of new members and include them when possible.

Tours: Kathy Valdes reported that the tour of Human Kinetics publishing company was well attended and very enjoyable. The next tour will be at the Sousa Archives on Friday, April 14 from 4-6, followed by cocktail hour at Houlihan's. The deadline to sign up is April 10, and she will send out an email to create more interest.

Interest Groups: Carl Altstetter had no report.

Corresponding Secretary: Marcy Joncich was not present.

Membership: Ann Long reported 150 single and 142 couples memberships, for a total of 292 members.

Newsletter: Ann Campbell said the deadline for printing the next newsletter is April 15. Items to be submitted to her electronically will include the President's letter, the slate of officers for 15-16, profiles of the scholarship winners, proposed constitution change, tours and photos.

Scholarship: Susan Haney reported that 12 scholars received awards. The recipients were a well-spoken, diverse and altogether fabulous group. There will be one new person on the committee for fall 2015. Susan displayed a print of a watercolor, "The Red Barn," by Judy Ikenberry. Judy donated the print to be sold to benefit the scholarship fund. The sale price will be \$65-75.

Memorials to Peri Ceperley may be made to The Illinois Club fund, and can be made online through the club to the scholarship fund. It is not necessary to create a new account in her name, since "named" scholarships can be

given in her honor from the fund. Methods of keeping track of the gifts will be discussed.

Publicity: Carrol Bunick stated that ads in Inside Illinois and The News-Gazette were more expensive than they were worth. They did not bring in new members. Electronic ads in Inside Illinois' "e-week" and the News Gazette's "calendar" should suffice. The assistant communications chair should be able to handle this task.

Outreach to potential members will be done at the UI new faculty Expo in August/September, and at UIF Benefits day in May. A PDF of our advertising brochure is on the club website.

Webmaster: Mike Haney had no report.

NEW BUSINESS

Big 10 conference for university clubs will meet at Ohio State in Columbus June 12-14, but details are not available yet.

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held at Kathy Marshak's home on Wednesday, May 20 at 6PM. It will be a potluck, with the outgoing officers providing the food.

Respectfully submitted,
Marguerite Maguire
Recording Secretary

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