

APSURA Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at the Pace Alumni Center

Members present were Aleeta Christian, George Mabry, Barbara Blackston, Jim Clemmer, David Kanervo, Phil Kemmerly, Floyd Christian, Allene Phy-Olsen, Sharon Silva, Nancy Smithfield, Carl Stedman, Eloise Weatherspoon, and assistant to Mitch Robinson, McCartney Andrews.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Jim informed us that THERA, Tennessee Higher Education Retirement Association, is on the verge of disbanding. It is our year to reserve rooms, send out fliers, and come up with a program. The meeting will take place at Fall Creek Falls November 5 and 6.

Aleeta added that these meetings are valuable for helping us find out things that other groups are doing that are working well.

So far, those who are planning to go from our group are Jim Clemmer, Bob Privett, Allene Phy-Olsen, Aleeta Christian, Floyd Christian, Phil Kemmerly, Kathryn Kemmerly, Eloise Weatherspoon, and Jerry Weatherspoon.

One suggestion for a program is to tell about Connections. One other program is needed, and suggestions are welcome.

Jim Clemmer introduced McCartney Andrews to the group and told that she was representing Mitch Robinson.

We discussed various ideas for gifts for our Connections speakers, including Austin Peay mugs and Starbucks gift cards.

Nancy announced that very few people have failed to pay their dues for the year. She will send out one more email reminder.

Eighty tickets have already been sold for Ted Jones' Roxy performance. The price for APSURA members is \$15.

Sharon Silva announced that we now have a presence on the Web. Newsletters will go back on the Web, as well as minutes, starting currently and going backwards.

We have not yet been contacted about the Rotary Bike Ride in September.

President White has asked if we want to continue to have a separate holiday event for retirees or if we would be willing to be included with current faculty and staff members. We decided that we will be included with current faculty and staff for the holiday reception.

It was decided to have the October Connections meeting on the fourth Tuesday rather than the last Tuesday, which is Halloween.

The Convocation Picnic will be Wednesday, August 23, in the Red Barn. APSURA will have a table close to the door, and we are asked to arrive around 10:30.

We will have a table at the Benefits Fair on September 26.

The date for STAR is yet to be determined, but will probably be during the week of November 15.

We discussed the possibility of a luncheon in October. One possible speaker might be President White's husband, who is a jeweler.

Suggestions are needed for Connections speakers. Carl Stedman could speak about researching genealogy.

Jim announced his provocative topic for February: "The Sugar Wars of 1974 and the Sensuous Woman."

The meeting was adjourned.