

The Illinois Club Board Meeting Minutes, March 28, 2020

The Illinois Club Board met on Zoom teleconference at 12 PM, Saturday, March 28, 2020, The meeting was called to order by Helen Valentine, President, at 12PM. Attending were Pat Cardenas (Tours), Sandy Camargo (Scholarships), Ann Campbell (Asst. Webmaster), Lori Choquette (Reservations Manager), Carrol Finnigan-Bunick (Interest Groups), Mike Haney (Webmaster), Mary Hodson, (Historian), Keith Jarosinski (Vice-President), Sheila Krein (Communications), Ann Long (Recording Secretary), Linda Lopez (Meeting Manager), Chris Lyke (Communications), Jane Myers (Meeting Manager), Donna Offenbecher (Meeting Manager), Judith Robinson (Membership), Julia Schmidt (Interest Groups), Kathy Valdes (Past President) and Helen Valentine (President).

Board Reports

President's Report

Helen Valentine called the meeting to order and welcomed the Board.

The Minutes from January 22, 2020 Board Meeting were accepted with minor changes.

As a result of the facility closures and the need for social distancing, the Club-wide Spring Happy Hour at the Urbana Country Club was cancelled. Since the Spring social is our usual venue for introducing the new Board members, it is planned to blend the Spring event with the Fall Expo/Open House that occurs in the Fall. This is in the hope that life will be back to a little closer to normal by then. Due to the cancellation of the Spring Happy Hour, there will not be mailing out of the Spring newsletter. Instead, there will be a mid-summer newsletter mailing, with details of the upcoming Fall event.

Meetings/Events

The Scholarship Brunch was a great success at the iHotel, and the Spring Happy Hour at the Urbana Country Club was cancelled.

Plans will start for Fall Expo at the May Board Meeting when the situation hopefully will be clearer.

Treasurer's Report

Previously distributed to the Board via email; approved.

No further entries for March are anticipated so this report is dated March 31st. The accrued liabilities on the balance sheet represents the unpaid bill to the iHotel for the Scholarship Brunch.

The balance sheet shows about \$1,500 less cash than one year ago. The following roughly represents the reasons for this difference.

- Dues are \$650 less than last year at this time.
- The Holiday Party was \$400 over budget.
- The Scholarship Brunch was \$300 under the budgeted loss which is positive.
- The Fall Expo was \$200 over budget.
- Miscellaneous expenses are \$200 over budget.

The Illinois Club Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2020

	Mar 31, 20	Mar 31, 19
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Busey Bank	19,091.07	17,437.95
PayPal Acct	60.93	614.34
University Account	111.08	2,421.05
Total Checking/Savings	19,263.08	20,473.34
Total Current Assets	19,263.08	20,473.34
Other Assets	0.00	75.00
TOTAL ASSETS	19,263.08	20,548.34
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	1,427.50	0.00
Total Liabilities	1,427.50	0.00
Equity	17,835.58	20,548.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	19,263.08	20,548.34

The Illinois Club
Revenue & Expense Budget vs. Actual
July 2019 through March 2020

	Jul '19 - Mar 20	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Dues	5,453.57	6,000.00
Event Income		
Holiday Party	1,961.25	2,000.00
Scholarship Brunch	1,696.98	1,300.00
Spring Lunch	0.00	900.00
Total Event Income	3,658.23	4,200.00
Tour Income	0.00	500.00
Total Income	9,111.80	10,700.00
Expense		
Archives	0.00	50.00
Big 10 Conference	0.00	0.00
Event Expense		
Fall Expo	2,200.00	2,000.00
Holiday Party Expense	2,725.00	2,300.00
Scholarship Brunch Expense	1,797.17	1,800.00
Spring Lunch Expense	0.00	800.00
Total Event Expense	6,722.17	6,900.00
Miscellaneous	294.74	100.00

Newcomers	0.00	100.00
PO Box Rental	0.00	112.00
Printing and Mailing	1,240.56	1,750.00
Scholarship Gift Cards	110.00	125.00
Tour Expense	0.00	500.00
U of I Scholarship Fund	350.00	0.00
Website	198.56	125.00
Total Expense	8,916.03	9,762.00
Net Ordinary Income	195.77	938.00
Net Income	195.77	938.00

The Illinois Club Bank Accounts
January 1 through March 31, 2020

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Debit	Credit	Original Amount	Balance
Busey Bank									
Check	01/06/2020	2928	Alice Taylor		Miscellaneous		25.00	(25.00)	18,174.62
Check	01/09/2020	2929	Linda Lopez	Music and tips	Holiday Party Expense		300.00	(300.00)	18,149.62
Check	01/23/2020		GoDaddy.com		Website		119.88	(119.88)	17,849.62
Transfer	02/20/2020	2930	University of Illinois	Funds Transfer	University Account		250.00	(250.00)	17,729.74
Check	02/24/2020	2931	Sandy Camargo		Scholarship Gift Cards		110.00	(110.00)	17,479.74
Deposit	02/28/2020			Deposit	Scholarship Brunch	661.00		661.00	18,030.74
Check	02/28/2020	2932	Lori Choquette		Scholarship Brunch		19.67	(19.67)	18,011.07
Transfer	02/28/2020			Funds Transfer	PayPal Acct	1,000.00		1,000.00	19,011.07
Deposit	03/03/2020			Kristine Chalifoux and Pau...	Dues	80.00		80.00	19,091.07
Total Busey Bank						1,741.00	824.55		19,091.07
PayPal Acct									
Deposit	01/04/2020			Deposit	Dues	24.95		24.95	24.95
Transfer	02/28/2020			Funds Transfer	Busey Bank		1,000.00	(1,000.00)	(975.05)
Deposit	02/29/2020			Deposit	Scholarship Brunch	1,035.98		1,035.98	60.93
Total PayPal Acct						1,060.93	1,000.00		60.93
University Account									
Transfer	02/20/2020	2930	University of Illinois	Funds Transfer	Busey Bank	250.00		250.00	115.77
Check	03/28/2020		University of Illinois		Printing and Mailing		99.33	(99.33)	365.77
Check	03/28/2020	7	University of Illinois		Printing and Mailing		30.56	(30.56)	266.44
Check	03/28/2020	8	University of Illinois		Printing and Mailing		124.80	(124.80)	235.88
Total University Account						250.00	254.69		111.08
TOTAL						3,051.93	2,079.24		19,263.08

Scholarship Report

This proposal was submitted to the Board at the meeting on March 28, 2020:

Reconfiguring Our Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Committee agreed that, despite their long history as the only awards the Illinois Club gave for a long time, the Make-a-Difference awards were the most difficult to evaluate. Moreover, the MAD is often used as a catch-all to reward worthy students who don't quite fit in any of the other categories.

The general feeling on the part of the Committee was that students would find it easier to apply, and we would find it easier to evaluate the candidates, if we had academically labeled awards with more precise descriptions.

We wanted to come up with designations that represent a wide range of academic areas without completely Balkanizing our offerings. For example, in our discussion we mentioned awards aimed at Engineering, ACES, and the Business School. But what about the ethnic studies areas? the College of Media, Applied Health Sciences? Humanities is an umbrella term, under which a very wide range of departments and programs are housed, so that became our model for a revision of the Illinois Club's scholarship program.

Here's our idea: We could have a Humanities and Social Sciences award (which, besides the Humanities, would include ethnic studies, political science, communications, media studies, and the Business School) and a Science and Engineering award, which would include the standard STEM fields. ACES people could fit under either of these rubrics, depending on their programs. We feel that this plan would increase applications by making our descriptions more congruent with those of other academically focused scholarships. For example, Agriculture Leadership, Education, and Communication would fit into Humanities

and the Social Sciences, as would Human Development and Family Studies and Agriculture and Consumer Economics. Animal Sciences and Crop Sciences would be under Science and Engineering.

Making a difference in one's community would continue to be an important criterion for selection in addition to the academically centered work that the student was doing.

This revision was approved by the Board (March 28, 2020).

Membership

Membership will continue to investigate ways of attracting new members. There was a discussion about distributing flyers and placing an article in Smile Politely about the Illinois Club to attract new members.

Interest Groups

Three interest groups will meet by teleconference in the upcoming two-week period: SuperStar Reads, Cinema, and Cosmopolitan. Interest Group Chairs are to notify Communications about any upcoming meetings. We will keep the website calendar up to date. At this point, some groups have cancelled through May, others through April, and many don't know.

Tours

Historic Danville in will be postponed and rescheduled in the Fall.

Communications

The bi-weekly E News has gone out every other Saturday morning.

This week's E news will be late. It will be sent it out after our Board meeting today and it will include a message from the President, which will include some of our Board meeting decisions.

A mailed newsletter will be sent in midsummer to advertise the Fall Expo and introduce the New Board.

Corresponding Secretary

No report.

Webmaster

No report.

Future Board Meetings

Transition Board Meeting - Outgoing & Incoming Board Members to attend

Thursday, May 7: 12:00 PM

Zoom teleconference

The meeting adjourned at 12:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Long

Recording Secretary