

The Illinois Club

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 4 PM by Zoom.

Meeting attended by Carl Altstetter, Ann Campbell, Pat Cardenes, Lori Choquette, Bob Davis, Michael Haney, Susan Haney, Mary Hodson, Lynn Kelly, Ann Long, Linda Lopez, Christine Lyke, Christina Myers, Donna Offenbecher, Judith Robinson, Kathy Valdes, Joyce Wright, Sally Zahos, Steve Zahos.

Meeting began at 4:05 PM.

The minutes of the November 11, 2021 meeting were approved by voice vote.

1. Donna reported that the Christmas party at the Siebel Center on December 9, 2021 went well. The tours of the center were a bit too long and the hors oeuvres were a bit ordinary, but the venue was interesting, as several commented.
2. The arrangements for the Scholarship Luncheon on March 5 were discussed. It is planned to be in the garden room of Silver Creek. The price, including tax and gratuities, would be \$50 per person. Donna suggested that substituting wrapped chocolates instead of the restaurant dessert offering would decrease the price to \$40 per person. The cost for one student scholarship winner and one guest will be paid from budgeted TIC funds. A lunch of sandwich and salad would be priced at \$30. Steven Zahos suggested that the Urbana Holiday Inn might be considered. Several service clubs have their meetings there, and the cost is considerably less.
3. Lynn Kelly reported that a tour is scheduled for March 26 from 10AM until 12 noon. It will be "The Geology of Building Materials" led by Stephan Marshak, of the UIUC Geology Department. Attendance is limited to 25 persons. Meeting will begin at 10 AM in the lobby of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. No charge.
4. Bob Davis reported that the treasury balance stands at \$16,567. The budget item providing a one-time free beverage for newcomers at the Riggs Brewery monthly meetings has been expended. Cristine Lyke proposed that the budget should be increased by \$100. Passed unanimously.
5. On January 29 the first half of the semifinalists for TIC scholarships will be interviewed, and the second half will be interviewed on February 5.
6. Ann Long reported that the Nominating Committee still had some positions to fill. The vote by TIC members will be by email.
7. Ann Cambell reported that the annual Burns dinner held by the (former) Wine Lovers interest group would be held at 7 PM on January 29. Since it is by Zoom she suggested that all TIC members be invited. It usually lasts about one hour in the Zoom format. Christine Lyke will send an email to TIC members announcing this.

8. Judith Robinson reported that 236 TIC membership directories are being sent out. She noted that there are 9 new couples and 26 new individuals, bringing the total number of members to 226.

9. In new business:

Sandy Camargo requested that someone who attended the Big Ten conference years ago and has some recollection or record of events and who was there should contact her.

It was suggested that the Scholarship Luncheon proceedings might be video-recorded so that those not in attendance could view the student and other presentations. Steve Zahos will look into this.

Christine Lyke noted that the newsletter stated that the Scholarship Lunch would be held at Silver Creek. She inquired whether or not this needed to be changed in the next newsletter. Lori asked whether the date could be changed to allow outdoor dining. Donna will check to see whether the date can be changed. The newsletter should state that the venue/date are under consideration and to look for future notice.

The next board meeting will be at 4 PM on April 6, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.