

The Illinois Club Board Meeting Monday, January 30, 2012

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Sheila Krein at 7:15 pm at the home of Alma Bellafiore. Brief introductions of those present were made. The following members were in attendance: Alma Bellafiore, Peri Ceperley, Pat Davis, Carrol Finnigan-Bunick, Sarah Gertner, Susan Haney, Mary Hosier, Sheila Krein, Sharon Michalove, Elisa Mustari, Julia Schmidt, Patricia Simpson and Mary Jo Thomsen.
- II. Secretary's Report – Sheila Krein for Nancy Uchtmann, who is out of the country. Sheila asked for a volunteer to take the minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was approved.
- III. President's Report - Sheila Krein and a few Board members will meet with Chancellor Wise for lunch on March 13.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Patricia Simpson presented the financial report - see attached. She reported that an additional \$140 in membership fees or registrations was submitted since the report. The Holiday Party made \$120 for the Club. There has been over \$1800 in product sales since the beginning of the fiscal year!
- V. Position and Committee Reports
 - A. Programs – Alma Bellafiore
 1. Alma has reserved the Hilton Garden Inn for the Sept. 10, 2012 Fall Expo
 2. Alma reported 58 people attended the Holiday Party on December 8 at Clark-Lindsey. A good time was had by all who attended.
 3. The Antiques Appraisal and Tea, scheduled for Sunday, February 12 at the Urbana Civic Center from 1 - 3 pm has only 22 people registered. This is too few to break even. We need at least twice that number. Alma proposed cancelling the event. It was suggested that she hold the event at her house. She agreed. We will make the food for the event. A signup sheet was passed around. Alma will cancel the Civic Center and reduce the hours with Matthew Peckham, the appraiser for the event.
 4. The Scholarship Awards Brunch will be held on March 3 at the Hawthorn Suites. Dr. Robert Easter will be the speaker.
 5. The Spring Luncheon will be held on May 3 at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano. Dr. Kathleen Conlin will be the speaker.
 - B. Newcomers – Mary Hosier.
 1. The Newcomers' event at the Kanfer studio held on November 22 went well.
 2. The story telling event called "*A Winter's Tale*" will be held on Wed., Feb. 29 in the home of Stephanie Price. Kim Sheahan from the Spurlock Museum will be the storyteller. There will be finger foods. Attendance will be capped at 20. Newcomers can RSVP by phone or email to Stephanie since there is no charge for the event.
 3. Newcomers will host a show at Parkland's Staerkel Planetarium on Thursday, March 29. The program will be "*Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity*". Donna Cox will speak. All members and guests are welcome to attend. Newcomers and potential guests are free. Members and other guests pay \$5.

C. Tours – Julia Schmidt

1. The stadium tour on Jan. 20th went well, with about 40 people visiting the stadium tour and 20 to Houlihan's.
2. The Newells' Equinox House tour is planned for Friday, April 13 at 4:00 pm. The tour is free. An optional dinner or drinks will be at Montana Mike's Steakhouse in Urbana immediately following the tour. People will pay their own bill at the restaurant. This is a change since Kennedy's restaurant is now closed. Nine people are already signed up.

D. Corresponding Secretary – Pat Davis reported that she sent out 3 cards since the last meeting, including one to the Easters.

E. Membership –Sharon Michalove made a directory addendum page with new and corrected contact information. It will be included as an insert in the mailed Feb. newsletters and attached as a PDF file to the email which announces the link to the Feb. newsletter online. This procedure is to protect the privacy of the members. A vote was needed to approve new member Stefani Janosco, who does not have a connection to the university. The vote was favorable.

F. Newsletter – Peri Ceperley reported that she is working on the Feb. newsletter and hopes to finish it by the end of the next week. The deadline is past, so attendees were encouraged to submit materials as soon as possible.

G. Scholarships –Susan Haney reported that interviews are taking place, with 19 more on Tues. and Wed. this week. The Haney Scholarship winner has been chosen. Susan will work on a WebTools version of the application for next year. The present committee is Susan Haney, Judith Robinson, Pat Cardenas, Peri Ceperley, Pat Davis, Marcy Joncich, Patricia Simpson, and Mary Jo Thomsen.

H. Publicity – For general publicity, Elisa Mustari asked about posting TIC flyers on department bulletin boards. Other ideas for publicity included doing a spot on TV, coverage in The News~Gazette, e-week (which she has done), contact someone at the Credit Union about ways to advertise the Club to employees, for example, leaving flyers on counters. Sarah Gertner asked if realtors still hand out our flyers. Elisa could start by contacting TIC member and realtor Sharon Harkness. Sheila read a report from Jane Heaton, Interest Group Publicity. Jane says she has been preparing the email news on a weekly basis, and people should continue to send her their submissions by 5 pm on Thursday.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Big Ten Committee, 2013 Conference – Susan Haney had nothing new to report.

B. Nominating Committee – Carrol Finnigan-Bunick presented the current slate of proposed officers. She informed the board that only the elected positions will be voted on by the general membership at the Scholarship Awards Brunch. The Nominating Committee is trying to fill all the positions, even those designated as appointed by the president.

Elected Positions

President: Alma Bellafiore

First V. P.: Peri Ceperley

Second V. P.: Stephanie Price

Assistant Second V. P.: Mary Hosier

Third V. P.: Pat Thiessen

Assistant Third V. P: Christina Myers
Recording Secretary:
Corresponding Secretary:
Treasurer:
Assistant Treasurer:
Budget Chair: Patricia Simpson
Meeting Manager:
Membership/Directory Chair: Sandy Camargo
Assistant Membership Chair: Libby Johnston
Newsletter Co-chairs: Bob and Pat Davis
Publicity Co-Chair (General):
Publicity Co-Chair (Interest Groups):
Scholarship Chair: Patricia Simpson
Assistant Scholarship Chair: Judith Robinson

Sustaining Member

Past President: Sheila Krein

Appointed Positions

Archivist: Vivian Larson, Dorothea Smith
Hospitality: Lolita Chuang
Webmaster: Birgit McCall, Mike Haney
Tours: Julia Schmidt
Scholarship Committee: Pat Davis, Susan Haney

We asked Mary Jo if she would be Treasurer and she accepted. Elisa Mustari volunteered to do General Publicity for another year. The board approved the slate thus far. The committee will continue working to fill positions. The slate will be included in the Feb. newsletter. If there are additional positions filled, the slate needs to be presented to the membership at least 10 days before the March 3 election.

- C. Membership retention and recruitment. Sheila appointed an ad hoc committee to look into membership issues after the August meeting. This committee is composed of the current Membership Committee (Stephanie Price, Newcomer Chair; Mary Hosier, Asst. Newcomer Chair; Sharon Michalove, Membership Chair, Sandy Camargo, Asst. Membership Chair) and Elisa Mustari, current Publicity Chair, and Kathy Marshak. Kathy, who has served TIC as past President, past Membership chair, and past Newcomer Chair, agreed to chair this committee. They have met twice. They are working on a survey instrument to send to current and past members.

VII. New Business

- A. Constitution and Standing Rules – ad hoc Review Committee. Sheila will appoint in a few weeks. Alma, Mary Jo, and Susan volunteered at the last meeting to assist with a review of the Constitution and Standing Rules.
- B. There was a request by one of our board members, who is also a member of the Symphony Guild, to send their *In Good Taste* brochures to our members. Our Constitution prohibits sharing our membership list.

VIII. Next Meeting - Sheila was not sure of a need for a March meeting. At tentative meeting date of April 2 was suggested and Pat Davis offered her house.

IX. The meeting adjourned at about 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Krein,
Recording Secretary Pro-tem

The Illinois Club			
2011-2012 Budget			
<i>Monday, January 30, 2012</i>			
		2011-2012	2011-2012
		Actual	Approved Budget
REVENUES			
Interest (on CD & Savings)			30
Dues 2011-2012		7,765.00	8,400
Product Sales (gross)		1,825.00	2,500
Events:			
	Holiday Party	1,020.09	1,120
	Winter/Spring Event (Tea)	96.04	1,750
	Scholarship Brunch		1,620
	Spring Luncheon		1,000
	Spring Luncheon 2011	18.00	--
Tours:			
	Fall	3,444.44	1,650
	Spring		-
Scholarship Donations Received		451.00	*
		<u>\$ 14,619.57</u>	<u>18,070</u>

EXPENSES							
Newsletters/directory		1,350.17		2,370			
Publicity		647.85		900	(buttons, gift card, Krannert ad)		
Operations/supplies		66.46		1,200			
Newcomers				450			
Interest Groups		4.89		100			
Archives				200			
Big 10 Conference				1,500			
Web Site		47.00		200			
Inventory		139.25		1,000			
Fundraising Incidentals				-			
Sales Tax Arrears				-			
Sales Tax Current				200			
Events:							
	Fall Expo	2,061.43		1,820			
	Holiday Party	822.00		1,320			
	Winter/Spring Event (Tea)	100.00		1,500			
	Scholarship Brunch			1,700			
	Spring Luncheon			1,000			
Tours							
	Fall Tour	2,835.54		1,250			
	Spring Tour			60			
Remittance of donated funds		451.00		*			
Scholarship Donations to UIF		<u>300.00</u>		<u>1,300</u>	(from club for Judy Ikenberry)		
		<u>\$ 8,825.59</u>		<u>18,070</u>			
Notes: Product sales less cost of inventory and sales tax will be donated to UIF.							
*Whatever amount is received as scholarship donations will be remitted to UIF.							