

The Illinois Club Minutes, 1/23/2017

The Illinois Club Board met at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2017, at the home of Libby Johnston. Attending were Ann Campbell, Julia Schmidt, Kathy Marshak, Sandy Camargo, Libby Johnston, Sharon Michalove, Ann Long, Marita Romine, Sheila Krein, Jenny Kokini, Carrol Finnigan-Bunick, Shirley Splittstoesser, and Cathy Jackson. The meeting was called to order by President Ann Campbell.

President, Ann Campbell

The president welcomed the board.

Meetings, reported by Kathy Marshak

The Holiday Party on December 8 was attended by 99 people. The President's House absorbed costs beyond the \$15 per person billed to the Club.

The Scholarship Brunch will be held at the I Hotel on March 4 from 10:00 a.m. until noon, in the Alma Mater Room. There is room for eight tables of ten people each, and we can get additional chairs if there are more than 80 attendees. Actual cost is \$16 per person, plus a small room fee. Tickets will be \$18 for members and \$23 for guests. TIC absorbs the brunch cost for the ten scholarship winners plus one guest per scholarship winner. This will be reflected in the budget in future years. We will be inviting Chancellor Robert Jones and Roberta Killeen as special guests, and will ask the Chancellor to make some brief remarks if he is able to attend. Julia Schmidt will produce a printed agenda for this event, and Carrol Finnigan-Bunick will provide a slate of nominees for the 2017-18 TIC officers and board, which will be printed by Julia.

The Spring Luncheon will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Treasurer and Budget, reported by Jenny Kokini

Balance sheet and account details were handed out and briefly discussed.

Membership, reported by Ann Long

There are 222 members, 96 individuals and 57 couples. Of those, twelve are newcomers. Sandy Camargo moved to accept the two new members who are not associated with the university, and the motion passed unanimously.

Newcomers

As reported above, there are twelve newcomers. Neither of the Newcomers chairs was able to be present for the board meeting.

Interest Groups, reported by Carrol Finnigan-Bunick

Members are reminded to pay their dues if they have not already done so. Only members up-to-date on dues are eligible to participate in the interest groups.

A new possible interest group was suggested, an Activities interest group. This group would meet monthly to participate in some activity such as bowling. The same activity might be repeated, or it could be different activities in different months.

Scholarship, reported by Sharon Michalove

The scholarship committee is in the process of interviewing applicants, and the interviews should be finished Saturday, January 28. Ten scholarships will be awarded, one Ikenberry and nine others. There were 122 applicants. Twenty-four applicants will be interviewed. The Ikenberry award will be \$3400 and the other nine scholarships will be \$2500 each.

Sharon also announced that she will be moving to the Chicago area, probably this summer.

Tours, reported by Sheila Krein

About 20 people attended the Nov. 4, 2016 tour where we visited the UI Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education and The Autism Program. Ten people continued the tour with dinner at the Intermezzo at Krannert.

Sheila is hoping to set up a tour of the State Farm Center in the spring.

Sheila is working on a tour of Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola, which will be a joint tour with the Antiques and Collectibles interest group. This tour would be able to accommodate 50 people. The target date is April 12, with March 8 as an alternative date.

Communications, reported by Libby Johnston

Mailings are going out as scheduled, and Communications is well aware of all deadlines.

Corresponding Secretary, reported by Ann Campbell

Marcy Joncich provided a list of cards sent since the last board meeting: three get well cards, three thinking of you cards, three sympathy cards, one thank you card.

Webmaster

Webmaster reported in absentia that web updates are attended to as requested.

Old Business, reported by Libby Johnston and Julia Schmidt

U of I Sesquicentennial: Libby and Julia spoke with Moira Nolan, coordinator, in the Office of Corporate Relations. Moira suggested a summer "town and gown" campus historic walk organized like a scavenger hunt. The idea would be to tour five to seven buildings and visit historic markers on campus with guides and literature available, and to invite the community. It would be on a Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sample buildings might be Altgeld, Spurlock, the Auditorium, Lincoln Hall, Halene Gateway, Morrow Plots and the like. The visitors could start at Krannert Center and follow a map and go from place to place, and there would be small prizes for completing the tour. The U of I Sesquicentennial Committee would probably be able to provide the prizes, but the event would be the responsibility of TIC as far as organizing and providing tour guides. June would be the best time frame. We need to decide by the end of February whether to move forward on this. This event would provide visibility for TIC and

might be a good tool for recruiting new members. We would need for several members to step forward to form a committee to organize the walk.

New Business, reported by Ann Campbell and Carrol Finnigan-Bunick

Big 10 Conference, reported by Ann: The conference is June 16-18 in Minnesota. We would hope to send two or three people. Either the outgoing or incoming president and someone from Membership would be good choices to include. TIC pays the conference fee, mileage, and hotel.

Nominating Committee, reported by Carrol: The first meeting will be Thursday, January 26, and the committee hopes to wrap up nominations quickly.

Possible fundraising ideas, reported by Ann: If the club needs to do fundraising, an art show of members' art would be a possibility. That has been done successfully by other similar Big 10 clubs. Another idea would be to turn the popular annual Burns Dinner into a fundraiser.

Next Board Meeting

Monday, March 27 at Julia's home.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Jackson, Recording Secretary