

## Minutes from TIC November 29, 2023 Board Meeting

**Hosted** by Christine Lyke

**Location:** Zoom

**Time:** Thursday, November 29, 2023, 5-6pm.

**Attendees:** Chris Lyke, President; Patricia Ricketts (Recording Secretary), Alice Taylor (Corresponding Secretary), Robert (Bob) Davis (Treasurer), Donna Offenbecher (Asst. Treasurer/Budget Chair), Ann Campbell (Communications/Newsletter Chair/Asst. Webmaster), Carrol Finnigan-Bunick (Interest Groups Chair), Nancy Uchtmann (Asst. Interest Groups Chair), Gale Bickel (Meeting Manager), Elisa Mustari (Membership/Director Chair), Mary Hodson (Historian), Bette Long (Reservations Manager), Sheila Krein (Tour Director).

The President, Chris Lyke, convened the meeting at 5pm. The minutes from last meeting on August 24, 2023, were approved.

**Updates:** The location for the holiday party has been secured. It will be in the club house of The Villas at Ashland Farms Clubhouse at 2757 JT Coffman Dr., Champaign IL, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, 6:30-8:30 PM.

The plan is to have everyone bring beverages and food. Plan to see how well that works. 65 have signed up so far. Can be up to 75 total. Folks have had problems with cost in the past so this should help. And expenses are up so cost is up at community venues. Sent invitation by evite. Only sent to paid members of TIC. Some members approve of the new format.

First budget – Robert Davis moved to approve, Nancy Uchtmann seconded. No discussion.

Robert D. noted there was an error in Budget as \$354 went to printing.

Discuss 2K from last year's budget. Donna Offenbecher adjusted in August meeting because that was last year. This year: 4,762.60 income. 1,763.15 expenses. Donna shares details. (e.g., \$839 for expo. \$79.60 new camera). Now have more than 3K for this year's revenue so in "good shape." Board voted \$3,999. or scholarship. For extra scholarship need. 22,680. in fund. Since July got \$7,260. additional gifts. Total=29,940. \*Need \$2,060. To make extra scholarship. Can still give 8 scholarships.

**New Business:** Gale Bickel gave update on spring events. May 5<sup>th</sup> event with Cinco de Mayo theme. Suggested holding at Mexican Restaurant by Menards. Discussed Scholarship brunch & costs. Holiday Inn cost is \$16 per person. Suggested Farmhouse brunch. We cover cost for scholar and one guest. With tax and tips may run more than \$25. Includes eggs, hash browns, fruit, and coffee/herbal tea. Spring fling may need to be on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sheila Krein discussed tours. Last night 24 attended. On 2/22 at 11am will be tour of Taylor Studios for design and fabrication. This is in Rantoul. Report that Steve Marshak is unsure of how long tour lasts. In April, planning to tour the University Integrative Bioprocessing lab in Agriculture College. They ferment beer.

Ann Campbell has sent in report on communications updates prior to meeting.

Carrol Finnigan-Bunick reports on interest groups activity. Got six replies. Lots of people.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January plan to get new committee together to nominate new board. Next meeting is expected to be Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5-6pm.

Donna Offenbecher noted that there is a Newcomers gathering this Thursday, 11/30<sup>th</sup> at Rigg's Brewery in Urbana.

Kathy Valdes reported there is a meeting this weekend to decide which student to interview. They interview 20 out of 100 plus applicants, then put forth the rankings. They expect to give 9 scholarships in total; maybe more if more contributions. Interviews are the last week in Jan. and 1<sup>st</sup> week in February.

Kathy Valdes motions to adjourn. Meeting ends on time.

**TIC Board Meeting Agenda**  
**The Illinois Club**  
Wednesday, November 29, 2023  
5:00-6:00PM

I. Welcome

II. Approval of Minutes-August 24, 2023

III. Reports:

a. President: Christine Lyke

b. Treasurer: Bob/Donna - approval of new budget

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

a. Events

VI. Interest Groups

VII. Next Meeting – Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:00-6pm over Zoom