

Northwest Retiree Association

Board Meeting: October 16, 2024, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Rm. 305 of the First United Methodist Church, 103 N. Main, Maryville.

Attendance:

Board Members: Rosalie Weathermon (President), Robert Dewhirst (Vice President),
Theo Ross (Treasurer), Christine Benson (Secretary), Karen Schaffer

Ex-officio:

Minutes

- I. 10:00 a.m.: Gathered for a pictures of the Board in north first floor gathering space.
- II. Call to order (10:07 a.m.) by Rosalie
- III. Approval of August 21 Minutes (approved via email on August 31) - Christine
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Theo
Operating budget: \$6371.07
Scholarship (after one \$1,000) was given for 2024-25): \$3,417.53
Question: How do we remind retirees of how to designate a scholarship to Retiree Scholarship? Put that in the weekly and monthly email.
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. Retiree Scholarship:
 - i. Moving \$1000 from the NWRA Operating fund to the Retiree Scholarship fund: All Board members present remembered having the discussion about moving the funds during the June 13, 2024. At the time, it was recommended by the Foundation that we wait until the fall when there is a big push for scholarship donations. (Bob—moved approval, Karen—seconded, and it passed unanimously.)
 - ii. Rosalie went to the Empowering Dreams event and met with the 2024 recipient of the scholarship Riley Steele. He we very appreciative.
 - B. NW Foundation/Lori Steiner and certain staff members have been very helpful in helping us launch both the organization and scholarship. In order to thank them, Rosalie will write a message of Thank You to The Foundation and other Northwest employees for their help in establishing and supporting the Northwest Retiree Association and for establishing the Retiree Scholarship. She will send this to Mark Hornickel and ask him to put it in the next Alumni Magazine in the announcement about the Retiree Scholarship.
 - C. We had hoped to assign committee/jobs to Board Members at Large, but the only at large member already has a committee assignment.
- VI. **New Business**
 - A. Medicare/Benefits presentation? Rosalie will ask John Shaw to do a Zoom session about changes in Medicare Benefits so that people may ask questions. We will ask the Foundation for a link to a professional Zoom account so that it may be recorded and posted on the nwmissouri.edu/alumni/retiree site.
 - B. 2nd Fridays Happy Hour for November: On November 8, the NW Jazz Ensemble will play at the NWRA Second Fridays Happy Hour at the Pub.

- C. 2nd Fridays Happy Hour Snack Hosts: In the Weekly email and Monthly letter, ask for volunteers to host (bring snacks, arrive by 3:30 to set up, and make sure the coupons are paid for at 5:30) for the 2nd Fridays Happy Hours. (The cost of the snacks will be reimbursed by the NWRA Operating fund, and the money for drinks will be reimbursed by donations for that purpose.) Rosalie will coordinate the messaging with Sue. We will also need someone to coordinate the Host volunteers.
- D. Next General Meeting: Valk 118 on Friday, December 6, 2024 at 1:00, before the **Holiday Tea** at the Michael L. Faust Center (Alumni House) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- E. Spring General Meeting: Tentatively on Thursday or Friday of Finals week, possibly at McKemy, including a tour of the facility. Rosalie will ask about the timing and location so that it does not interfere with other Northwest activities.
- VII. **“Strategic” Planning for 24-25 - 4 Areas/Initiatives/Goals (small group time then reconvene)**: Due to low attendance, this was postponed.
- VIII. **Membership/Scholarship** - promote membership growth/retention, strategies to endow the scholarship: Due to low attendance, this was postponed.
- IX. **Events**
 - A. October 25, Omaha Charley (real life Charley Stevens) will be depicted by our own Theophil Ross at 7 P.M. at the Nodaway County Historical Museum!
 - B. Oct 27 AROHE Cyber Security Zoom session: Rosalie has already made a reservation. People are welcome to join her at her home to participate. Or if there is enough interest, we can find a place with a big screen for more to participate. Ask Sue to put it in What’s Up This Week and ask them to RSVP to Rosalie by Wednesday, Oct. 23 if they are interested.
 - C. Nov. 7 R Farms Distillery Tour in Mound City, Mo: We will plan to leave the First United Methodist Church parking lot at 11:00 a.m.. People will be encouraged to eat a larger/late breakfast before they come, and we will snack at the Distillery during the tour so that we can return to Maryville before dusk. In What’s Up This Week/Month, ask those interested to call (leave a voice message, but do not text) Karen at 660-562-3907 by Monday, October 28. Food options are a \$25 Grazing Board (serves about 4), \$15 Four Bar-B-Q sliders, and \$6 Chips and Salsa. See www.rfarmdistilling.com for details.
 - D. Rosalie is trying to find ticket prices for Savannah Bananas (a humorous baseball team, similar to the Harlem Globe Trotters), who will be playing at “the K” or Royals Stadium in Kansas City.
 - E. Rosalie and Karen will check into Louie G's Cocktail Bar in the Rose Hill Event Center.
- X. **Education**
 - A. Joel will do a Lunch and Learn: The Protestant Reformation at First United Methodist Church in Maryville in the spring of 2025, tentatively starting 1/21.
 - B. We would like to see a course on Philosophies in the Middle East.
 - C. We would like to see a course on U.S. Presidents.
- XI. **Communication/Marketing/Facebook/Website/Newsletter** – grow Facebook numbers, check website validity, tie efforts into other strategies/events: Due to low attendance, this was postponed.
- XII. Adjournment (11:30)