



Northwest Retiree Association

General Meeting: 4 p.m. August 19, 2026 in Hughes Field House Rm. 211

Board Members Present: Sue Wood (President), Nancy Farlow (Secretary), Theo Ross (Treasurer), Robert Dewhirst (Past President), Janice Brandon-Falcone (Member-at-large) and Rosallie Weathermon (Member-at-large-FB Manager-), Pat Lucido (Member-At-Large, FB Manager) Nancy Foley (Member- At-Large - What's Up?)

Members: Johanne Fairchild, Richard Field, Barbara Nelsen, Kenneth Nelsen, Kenton Wilcox. The following members via Zoom: Vicki Seeger (Membership) Gerald Wilmes, Jackie Loghry

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order—4:00 p.m. by Sue Wood
- II. Welcome – NWRA Sue Wood welcomed everyone and each member introduced themselves.
- III. Approval of Minutes of last general session—Bob Dewhirst moved to approve the agenda, Janice seconded, and approval was unanimous.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Theo Ross

Northwest Retiree Leadership Scholarship Fund

Balance February 28, 2026	\$23,559.18
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Income

March	\$650.55 (\$500 in cash contributions + \$150.55 in earnings)	
April	\$1,550.00 (\$550 in cash contributions + \$1,000 from Operations Fund)	
May	-0-	

Expenses

March	\$515.34 (\$500 for scholarship and \$15.34 for expenses)	
April	-0-	
May	-0-	

Balance May 31, 2026	\$25,244.39
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Operating Fund

Balance February 28, 2026	\$6,482.87
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Income

March	\$110 (cash – membership dues)	
April	\$270 (cash – membership dues)	
May	\$15.00 (cash - membership dues)	

Expenses

March	-0-	
April	\$1,000 (transfer to Scholarship Fund)	
May	-0-	

Balance May 31, 2026	\$5,877.87
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V. Old Business

1. Committee Reports: Event Planning (Karen Schaffer is in Village Care in Recovery) Update on her condition was given by Barbara Nelsen
2. Thank You Notes - Janice has sent out all the Thank You Notes to donors from the list given to her by Brenda.
3. Benefits Update: (John was absent) Sue Reported that he would be happy to do another update session with new information at a later date when the new information is published.
4. Art Auction - Janice is working on this and will continue to work on it this winter to make contacts, and begin to get donations. Sue said she was willing to help with this.

VI. New Business/Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. Lunch and Learn classes (new ideas presented)—Janice Falcone stated that she now has updated PBS membership and there are several shows suitable to watch as a group as a Lunch and Learn. Janice will take charge of setting this up. Then it will be added to Facebook and What's up to see what topics are of most interest to members. A second Lunch and Learn idea was presented by Kenton. The Homestead National Historic Park has an online site that is of interest. Kenton and Sue will work on this.
2. Bingo Night at the Elks - Kenton Wilcox will look at dates and suggest a date for members to attend together.
3. Pat Lucido developed a list after the last meeting of activities and events that are available in Kansas City. It was decided to do a visit to the Toy Museum and the Rare Book Room in Linda Hall Library on the campus of Univ. of MO--KC. Pat will check into times and look at a date for this off campus outing.
4. Moon Marble Company in Bonner Springs was also suggested. It was suggested to look into dates for this trip as well.
5. B.D. Owens Library checkout for NWRA - It was stated by Janice that retirees can use the library and library resources. There was much discussion as to exactly how that works and no one was completely clear on that. It was stated that you need your 919# to use the Library itself and your NWRA email account to use and access all online resources. It was suggested by Kenton that having a Lunch and Learn or Special Session with the library director would be very helpful to all members. It was decided to schedule this and Gerald Wilmes was willing to try to make contacts and set this up.
6. Organizational Goals: It was recently discussed that the membership process needs to be streamlined. Vicki Seeger is taking over membership to help set up these processes. She is trying to get a meeting set up with Human Resources to get this started. Recent retirees in attendance were asked how they found out about NWRA. Work of mouth and information in e-mails from Human Resources were the common responses.
7. Distinguished Faculty Emeritus Award: Sue stated that this group is responsible for nominating for this award. Criteria is listed on the Alumni Page. Papers were passed out to all members present to make an anonymous nomination suggestion. Zoom members were asked to e-mail Sue with their recommendation. They were collected and a list of those

suggested will go out soon. All Board members are to check their emails this week as Duane told Sue the nominations are due by Friday, August 21, 2026.

8. Go Daddy - The board voted to not renew this site as we now have the Facebook page that accomplishes what that site was used for in the past.
9. Kenton Wilcox noted that a general list of the Faculty Emeritus can not be found. He suggested that this organization advocate for this.

II. Membership List:

6/1/2026: (101 members—38 Lifetime, 63 Regular)

- We have not been given the updated information at this time and hopefully will have a new list by 9/1/26.
- If you are not a lifetime member, dues cover July 1 – June 30. Online AFTER July 1, go to: www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/nwretirees , then *Renew*; or see Theo Ross.

III. Next General Meeting: Tentatively scheduled November 2026. Date and Time TBA.

IV. Adjournment—4:55 p.m. Motion to Adjourn - Janice, Seconded by Kenton