SUAA Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 7, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church

Present: Thompson, Jones, Lucas, Richmond, Werling, Pano, Brown, Helmers, Maguire, Belles, Gilbert, Nelson, Pledge, McLaughlin, McLean, and Farr

The meeting was called to order by the President Thompson.

 The April minutes were approved as corrected. Gilbert/Helmers

 The treasurer’s report was postponed.

Announcements/discussion items followed on the selection of a small painting to present to Sen. John Sullivan for his service in the legislature and support of higher education. Thompson brought two paintings to be considered. After much discussion, consensus was reached that Belles would contact another artist for a 3rd consideration. A decision will be made at the June meeting.

The April 26 Annual meeting event was discussed. We will not use the buffet line for serving in the future. It took too much time.

The Annual State SUAA meeting was discussed. It will be held June 21 and 22.

Helmers identified that six individuals were added to the membership during the local annual meeting. Helmers, Brown and Maguire will work on ideas to assist with recruiting of members locally.

Maguire gave the State SUAA report. He shared charts showing membership numbers state wide and he identified initial budget planning. He identified the signage program promoting higher education.

Maguire reported on the following members who have passed away in the last month: Irene Billeter, Arlin Fentem, Jack Blevins, and Wilber Hoff.

Farr from WIU-HR Office reported on the current status of layoffs and furloughs. She reviewed future insurance changes.

Pano identified the lack of progress in the legislature on the budget. There are some small legislative groups meeting about the budget. The Thompson Building in Chicago is still for sale. He reviewed an outside report on Illinois State finances.

No publication report.

No foundation report. Thompson identified that the local chapter will donate $250 to the State SUAA Foundation in Mike Pledge’s name for his time and effort with that organization.

No technology report

No new business

Adjournment was at 11:15 a.m. Pledge/Gilbert

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Richmond, Secretary