

THE OSU ALUMNNI CLUB OF BUTLER COUNTY

January 11, 2018 at Shooters Sports Grill, Liberty Township

President Cheryl Long called the meeting to order. Present were: Neila and Bruce Barnes, Sophia and George Jonson, Judy and Al Karchner, Dave Banker, Monica and Marla Marsh, and Gene and Fran Elleman.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of secretary's report were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl reported for Bob Poe that we have \$10406.01 in the treasury. A \$5000 check for the scholarship endowment fund has not yet been cashed. Neila reported that we have 55 paid members.

OLD BUSINESS

Twenty three people attended the Ohio State-Michigan football bus trip with Reynolds Travel. Ike Reynolds contributed \$25 for each person attending as well as \$50 for two who had to cancel. The \$625 is earmarked for the scholarship fund and counts as a scholarship fundraising event.

The scholarship committee will prescreen applications on January 20 from 9:00am to 12:00. They will interview the selected finalists on January 27, from 9:00am to 3:00 pm.

Members at the meeting who attended the Christmas party voiced their appreciation for Karen's willingness to organize the enjoyable social event. The gift exchange went well, the food was good and also hot. The party qualifies as a category 1 event.

We discussed Matthew 25 as an activity for April which is OSU's community service month. Gene explained Matthew 25's mission which is to provide relief to people in worldwide disaster areas. We would go on a short tour of "Global Village", a mock up of past disaster areas, at 11:00 a.m. Afterwards we would work until 1:00 and have lunch. A motion to volunteer for this activity was approved. The tentative date is April 21. Gene is working to encourage the Greater Cincinnati Club to join us. The alumni association might provide "T" shirts and reimburse expenses up to \$250.

Neila reported the survey results for the scholarship dinner speaker in the following order of preference: Kirk Barton, Cornelius Green, Scoonie Penn, and Katie Smith. After discussing a date that we hope would work best for most of the graduates we selected Thursday, May 31 as the preferred date for the scholarship banquet. Neila also reminded us to begin thinking about contributions for the raffle.

NEW BUSINESS

Marla and Monica Marsh will give a presentation on cultural diversity at our March meeting. They have co-authored several books. This will also qualify for a category 1, Scarlet level, event.

Cheryl reviewed the required categories to attain Scarlet level for which we will receive a \$2000 bonus. We have already completed three mandatory requirements: two or more board meetings, the bus trip, which qualifies as a Scholarship fundraiser, and a game watch party.

We are also required to complete five out of seven other categories to qualify for the Scarlet level. We have already completed three: a Student Sendoff, summer picnic; a program for the Arts, The Fitten Center for the Performing Arts presentation; and a special Interest event, Christmas party.

We are planning at least two more required events: Community service, Matthew 25, and Cultural Diversity, the Marsh sister's presentation.

Cheryl reported the results of the Heat Map survey. Fifty one people responded and eight people asked for further information. Cheryl will reach out to those eight for possible membership.

The club contributed a brick to the Mirror Lake project with the wording: "OSU BUTLER COUNTY ALUMNI, HOW FIRM THY FRIENDSHIP"

We are changing our meeting nights to Wednesday for the next two months. Our next meeting will be February 7 at the Silver Tea in Hamilton.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Elleman, co-secretary