

**Torch Club of Columbus**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 2, 2023  
Location: OSU Faculty Club

**Torch Club Board Members 2022-2023**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT (Y) or ABSENT (N)</b>
President	Susan Tilgner	Y
President-Elect	Rai Goerler	Y
Past President (Nominating)	Nancy Wardwell	Y
Secretary	Thom Seelbach	Y
Fellowship – Recording Secretary	Diane Selby	Y
Treasurer	Dave Lenz	Y
Newsletter Editor	Steve Sterrett	N
Region V Director	Nancy Wardwell	Y
Director at Large (Membership)	Dorothy Driskell	Y
Director at Large	Paul Niswander	N
Director at Large	Christina Atzberger	Y
Director at Large	David Hansen	N

The meeting was called to order by Susan Tilgner at 4:30 pm.

The minutes from the meeting of February 2, 2023, were approved by consensus.

Secretary Report

Thom Seelbach reported that reservations were made for 51 for the March meeting. There are 60 paid members to date including one new member. He is still expecting to receive an invoice from IATC soon.

Treasurer's Report

David Lenz presented a Treasurer's report to the Board. The current balance as of February 20, 2023, is \$20,711.89. Expected expenses next month: \$70.00 dues to OSUFC; \$3,300 (Est) dues to IATC; January and February dinners (est. \$4,000); Cost of Web site Domain name pending check clearing at the bank.

David discussed the IRS application for 501 c 7 tax status in process. He asked if the Board wanted to pursue the 501c3 status and the consensus was to "let it go".

Fellowship Report

Diane Selby reported that Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen will be the Member Moment this month presented by Jeff Caswell. Dick Meyer and Don Larson will bring the Firebaughs.

Membership

Dorothy Driskell presented the membership application for Sandy Cornett. Dorothy moved to approve the new member application. The motion was seconded by Chris Atzberger and passed unanimously.

### Newsletter

Steve Sterrett was not present at the meeting. Suggestions were made for him to add something in future newsletters about “Torch Now” and the “Fireside Chats” both communications for the benefit of all members from IATC.

### Website

Rai Goerler announced that 37 visits had been made to the club website. He will post the newly revised membership application to the website.

### District V and IATC Report

Nancy Wardwell reported that she is communicating with all the clubs in District V. She feels a little like the “dues collector” as she helps move that process along.

### Program Committee

Chaired by Rai Goerler, the committee has finalized all programs for next season. He asked for suggestions for musical groups to entertain for the December gathering.

### Old Business

President Susan Tilgner asked for suggestions of what she should announce as business at the meeting this evening. There will be the introduction of a new member Sandy Cornett, programs set for next season, IATC news, and check to see if people have received Member Survey from IATC.

Nancy Wardwell presented copies of the revised Columbus Torch Club Operations – a manual that should be reviewed each year. By consensus the Board approved the operations manual.

### New Business

Following the presentation on Recent Advances in Medicine by Gary Hinzman at the previous month’s meeting, the Board wished to act for the safety of all people using the Faculty Club. A motion to purchase two defibrillators for the faculty Club to place on the first and second floors was made by Nancy Wardwell. It was seconded by Dorothy Driskell and passed unanimously.

### Next Board Meeting

Items for Board consideration next month include:

1. Reimbursement for Convention 2023 of \$1,500? Four people indicated they plan to attend – Rai Goerler, Nancy Wardwell, Thom Seelbach, Dorothy Driskell.
2. How much to pro-rate dues for people joining at different times? \$30 or \$37.50 per month?

The next meeting will be April 7 at 4:30 pm at the Faculty Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Diane Selby, Recording Secretary