

Torch Club of Columbus
Board of Directors Meeting Summary
Thursday, October 7, 2021
Location: OSU Faculty Club

Torch Club Board Members 2021-2022

TITLE	NAME	Present (Y) or Absent (N)
President	Nancy Wardwell	Y
President-Elect	Susan Tilgner	N
Past President (Nominating)	Susan Warrener Smith	Y
Secretary	Thom Seelbach	Y
Assistant Secretary (Fellowship)	Diane Selby	Y
Treasurer	Howard Gauthier	Y
Assistant Treasurer	David Lenz	Y
Newsletter Editor	Steve Sterrett	Y
Region V Director	Liz Short	Y
Director-at-Large (Membership)	Dorothy Driskell	Y
Director-at-Large	Paul Niswander	Y
Director-at-Large (Website Editor)	Rai Goerler	N
Director-at-Large	Christina Atzberger	Y

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Wardwell at 4:30 pm.

The minutes of the August 5, 2021, meeting had been previously circulated. David Lenz moved to approve the minutes. Steve Sterrett seconded, and the motion carried.

Secretary Report

Thom Seelbach serves as registrar and sends invitations to meetings two weeks before the event. He is the liaison to the Faculty Club and gives them the final numbers for the events. Ginny Gauthier reviews the menu for the dinners and Howard Gauthier pays the bills. Ginny is also gathering the updated information for the directory. Thom reported that there is an inactive membership status where the person pays \$75 dues. It is not used often.

Treasurer's Report

Howard Gauthier presented the Treasurer Report showing total revenue to date is \$5,280.00 and total expenses are \$280.00. Checking account balance is \$28,632.58.

He noted that there has been very little activity yet, but this will be the first year to operate in a deficit. He anticipates a cost of \$105 to tune the piano for the December program by the

OSU Men's Glee Club and an honorarium of \$400-\$500. He reviewed the costs for this evening with appetizers at \$325, room rental of \$300, and food at \$26.95 per person. Costs are increasing – membership/dues are decreasing!

Fellowship Report

Diane Selby mentioned that the Fellowship Committee will be meeting this evening at 5:15 pm with seven members. Member Moments will resume in November, but for tonight every member will share with their dining table members a moment of reflection on something that has been a positive from the COVID lockdown experience. She asked to have newsletters mention if a member has transportation needs to note it on the response to the invitation and fellowship Committee will follow up on the request.

Newsletter

Stephen Sterrett discussed putting the minutes on the website. By consensus the board agreed to posting the approved minutes on the website. It was also suggested that an electronic copy of the minutes be entered into the archives of Torch Club at the OSU Archives. Steve sends the newsletters via email 10 days – 2 weeks prior to the meetings.

Membership

Dorothy Driskell discussed ideas for recruiting new members. She reported that one of our speakers will also be a new member.

Program Report

Nancy Wardwell is still looking for a speaker in February. She is pleased to announce that entertainment for the December event will be provided by the OSU Men's Glee Club.

District V

Liz Short reported on District V activities. International Association of Torch Clubs (IATC) held a retreat on October 1, 2 & 3 in Worthington, Ohio. She thanked board members who attended the special reception at the Faculty Club for this retreat. A guest this evening is the president of the Akron Torch Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. At 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Selby, Assistant Secretary