

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

Torch Club Board Members 2022-2023

TITLE	NAME	PRESENT (Y) or ABSENT (N)
President	Susan Tilgner	Y
President-Elect	Rai Goerler	Y
Past President (Nominating)	Nancy Wardwell	Y
Secretary	Thom Seelbach	Y
Fellowship	Diane Selby	Y
Treasurer	Dave Lenz	Y
Newsletter Editor	Steve Sterrett	Y
Region V Director	Nancy Wardwell	Y
Director at Large (Membership)	Dorothy Driskell	Y
Director at Large	Paul Niswander	Y
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 corrected minutes from the meeting of January 12, 2023, were approved by consensus.

Secretary Report

Thom Seelbach reported that reservations were made for 54 for the February meeting. There are 57 paid members to date including three inactive members. He anticipates three additional dues to be paid at this February meeting. He has turned in the membership report to IATC and expects to receive an invoice soon.

Treasurer's Report

David Lenz presented a Treasurer's report to the Board. The current balance as of January 20, 2023, is \$21,853.70. Expected expenses next month: \$70.00 dues to OSUFC; \$3,000 (Est) dues to IATC; January dinner (est. \$2,000); Cost of Web site Domain name; Payment to IATC for 2022 national member dues? (Last year the club paid \$50 per household for dues to IATC).

David reported that the IRS application for 501 c 7 tax status is in process. He asked if the club has a tradition of giving the Faculty Club an end of the year donation for the staff? This has not been done previously. Susan Tilgner asked what the best estimate is for monthly meal charges and David indicated \$2,000. Following discussion about the need for an invoice for IATC dues, Nancy Wardwell said she will check to be sure it is sent to the treasurer.

Fellowship Report

Diane Selby reported that Paul Miller will be the Member Moment this month presented by Gene Gilliom. Gene has also graciously offered to provide rides for the Firebaughs.

Membership

Dorothy Driskell reported that Sandy Cornett is a prospective new member attending this evening and intending to fill out membership application form to join us.

Newsletter

Steve Sterrett was complimented on his fine work with the newsletter. He mentioned that he had renewed the Domain Name (\$20 per year) and the accompanying email address (\$72 per year) for a total of \$97.40. He also renewed the web site for \$252. He used his contact information and credit card for all accounts. He will submit an invoice for reimbursement.

Website

Rai Goerler announced that 44 visits had been made to the club website.

District V and IATC Report

Nancy Wardwell reported that she is asking the clubs in District V if they are getting what they want from IATC and has learned the answer is "no." She suggested our club submit to the Torch Magazine a column by Joe Blundo in Dr. Seuss style regarding teaching children not to judge people by their appearance. The Board agreed.

Program Committee

Chaired by Rai Goerler, the committee plans to have the pieces together for all programs for next season by the May Board meeting. They might consider holding the January meeting via Zoom. The program for March 2023 is "The Columbus Economy," presented by Bill LaFayette.

Old Business

The revised membership application form will be finalized along with a fee schedule for presentation at a future board meeting.

New Business

The IATC bylaws are on their website. We might need to look over both their bylaws and our Club's for consistency.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be March 2 at 4:30 pm at the Faculty Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Selby, Assistant Secretary