



Torch Club of Columbus

Board of Directors Meeting Summary

Thursday, August 4, 2022

Location: Northwest Worthington Library, Trillium Room

Torch Club Board Members 2022-2023

TITLE	NAME	Present (Y) or Absent (N)
President	Susan Tilgner	Y
President-Elect (website)	Rai Goerler	Y
Past President (Nominating)	Nancy Wardwell	Y
Secretary	Thom Seelbach	Y
Assistant Secretary (Fellowship)	Diane Selby	Y
Treasurer	David Lentz	Y
Assistant Treasurer		N
Newsletter Editor	Steve Sterrett	N
Region V Director	Violet Meek	Y
Director-at-Large (Membership)	Dorothy Driskell	Y
Director-at-Large	Paul Niswander	N
Director-at-Large	David Hanson	Y
Director-at-Large	Christina Atzberger	Y

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Tilgner at 3:00 pm.

The minutes of the June 2, 2022, meeting as previously circulated were approved by consensus.

Secretary Report

Thom Seelbach shared that he is working on a complete listing of club membership in preparation for the new brochure/directory for distribution at the October 6th meeting. Deadline for all materials to be to Thom is September 15th.

Thom is currently listed as the main contact with the Faculty Club, and it was decided that David Lentz as treasurer would be a better choice since he is the one paying the bills and connecting with the club.

Treasurer's Report

David Lentz discussed the various aspects of transitioning the responsibilities of the treasurer. Not much financial activity has transpired since our last meeting and there is a balance of approximately \$15,000 on hand. The dues notice will go out with the September newsletter and dues are to be paid by October 6th meeting.

Costs for this year are all higher at the club due to inflation. It was decided by consensus that we will hold the entire evenings' events in the Grand Lounge on the first floor thus eliminating the extra room rental costs for going upstairs for dinner. As an additional cost saving decision there will be chips and a limited amount of cheese and veggie trays for the social time as determined by the costs after David discusses this option with the Faculty Club. He will ask Ginny Gauthier to continue working on menu selection with the Faculty Club keeping in mind the new charges of \$32 per meal for 7 meetings and an upgrade to \$42 per meal for the holiday evening.

Fellowship Report

Diane Selby reported sending cards recently to Walter Buchseib and John Litchfield. Plans are under way for Member Moments for next year.

Membership

Dorothy Driskell reported that there are no new members this month. She discussed the use of an electronic new member recruiting brochure about Torch Club that could be used by our members to encourage membership. She will circulate this email tool to the Board so it can be used.

Newsletter

Steve Sterrett was absent but his report was shared by President Susan Tilgner . He plans an early September newsletter with dues notice and a late September newsletter to publicize the October meeting.

Website

Rai Goerler reported there were 19 visits to the website, and he wants to update the content showing new board names and programs upcoming for the new year.

District V and IATC Reports

Violet Meek spoke briefly about wishing to develop regional efforts in the coming year. She also talked about the IATC Convention which was well attended by Columbus Torch Club members. Violet is a member of the very active bylaws committee which is attempting to clean up the documents with an up or down vote of the next convention needed for final approval (without any amendments allowed).

Nancy Wardwell discussed the many facets of the convention pointing out that Columbus had the largest delegation present with 8 members, and that our Liz Short received the silver Torch pin and was the only person so recognized this year. Rich Davis is serving as the treasurer and has done a great job with convention programs, and Dorothy Driskell was also recognized for her fine service as President of IATC. There were many positive ideas learned from other chapters in attendance such as holding meetings at retirement communities and the use of the replacement for Roberts Rules of Order – from Canada which is titled Democratic Rules for Order and has been adopted by the IATC.

Old Business

Nancy Wardwell presented a revised draft of The Duties of Columbus Torch Club Officers and Committees. This version was approved by consensus. It is attached to these minutes.

New Business

Dues for 2022-2023 – Treasurer David Lentz will email Board members with details of costs and estimates for funds needed for next year to be followed with an email vote of approval of a budget.

Programs for 2022-2023 – these were quickly noted by Susan Tilgner and will appear in the September newsletter. There are still two openings for programs to be filled.

Rai Goerler mentioned that in our newly approved duties of officers and committees there is a position for assistant treasurer with duties for the registration table and ordering new badges, etc. He asked how these duties would be covered this year. It was decided that President Tilgner would ask Dianne McKenzie if she would join the Board and fill this position as she has been helping with registration this past year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Selby