



Torch Club of Columbus
Board of Directors Meeting Summary
Thursday, March 3, 2022
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	N
Assistant Treasurer	David Lenz	Y
Newsletter Editor	Steve Sterrett	Y
Region V Director	Liz Short	N
Director-at-Large (Membership)	Dorothy Driskell	Y
Director-at-Large	Paul Niswander	Y
Director-at-Large (Website Editor)	Rai Goerler	Y
Director-at-Large	Christina Atzberger	Y

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

The minutes of the January 6, 2022, meeting were approved with correct name recorded for new member Michael Wilkos. It is noted that the February meeting was cancelled due to snowstorm.

Secretary Report

Thom Seelbach shared that the attendance number for the evening is down. There is concern that we need to increase attendance. The special option of taking the meal home rather than eating in the dining room had two reservations.

An updated list of paid members is in process. The current number of paid members is 72.

Treasurer's Report

Howard Gauthier was not present but sent the Treasurer's Report for distribution at the meeting. The checking account balance as of 2/28/2022 was \$27,566.03 and there were no pressing items to discuss with the Board.

Fellowship Report

There will not be a Member's Moment at tonight's meeting. We will honor with our sincere appreciation all those people who worked so hard to keep the Club going through the two years of COVID challenges, especially recognizing Susan Smith and her Board members. The committee does have Members' Moments scheduled for April – David Lentz, May – John Firebaugh, and June – Violet Meek. Special cards or notes have been sent by committee members for thinking of you and get well wishes.

Membership

Dorothy Driskell presented the membership application for Gary Hinzman. Susan Smith moved to approve the application. Steve Sterrett seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Gary will be inducted as a new member this evening.

Newsletter

Steve Sterrett said that he will have a June newsletter ready to go out in late May to publicize the June 2 meeting which has been added to replace the cancelled February meeting.

Website

Rai Goerler reported there were 8 visits to the website. He offered an idea to add programs to the website for greater interest and build usage. There may be copyright issues to be determined by each speaker as to what can be posted. It

was decided to let each speaker decide what to put on our website. Nancy Wardwell will ask our speaker this evening what he might do.

As a point of clarification, Steve Sterrett said the cost for Squarespace is \$216 to host the Club's website for the next year. (February 12, 2022 – February 11, 2023). The charge for the domain name and Goggle email account linked to the website (info@columbustorch.org) is \$97.40 for the next year (February 12, 2022-February 11, 2023). The Board approved a total of \$313.40 to reimburse Steve Sterrett for having paid these two charges. He will check with other Torch Clubs to see what is on their websites.

District V and IATC Reports

Violet Meek has assumed the duties of Liz Short who has some health challenges. Sincere speedy recovery is wished to Liz and thanks to Violet for filling in. Violet mentioned the IATC convention scheduled for June 16-19, 2022, in Saratoga Springs, New York, and the leadership roles being played by our club members: President Dorothy Driskell, conference chair Rich Davis, and both Thom Seelbach and Violet Meek who also will attend.

Old Business

Renew Meeting Logistics

The Faculty Club moved our meeting upstairs for all our activities to accommodate social distancing. This includes the cocktail hour, presentation, and dinner. The Board agreed to evaluate how well it works. It was felt that if the Faculty Club would agree, we would prefer to have everything on the first floor where the sound system seems to work better. President Wardwell will talk with the Faculty Club on this issue.

IATC History Project

Rai Goerler has been asked to chair this project locally to record the last 50 years of IATC history. He asked for volunteers to assist him with the research. The project will be funded by the IATC Foundation. Chris Atzberger and Diane Selby offered their assistance. There will be follow up from the IATC chairman.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Selby, Assistant Secretary