

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

Torch Club Board Members 2023-2024

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

The meeting was called to order by President Rai Goerler at 4:30 pm. The agenda was reviewed, and no personals were reported.

Approval of Minutes:

Susan Tilgner moved, and Steve Sterrett seconded the motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Don Larson has been working on the program for the 2024-2025 season and has several already lined up.

Steve Sterrett reported on the results of the recent membership survey which showed that a zoom meeting was not favored particularly and that moving the January meeting to June would be acceptable.

New Business:

1. There will not be a board meeting in December. Dorothy Driskell moved to give a gift to the Grandview Heights High School Choir of \$400 for their performance at the December Holiday Dinner. David Lenz seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. A report on the newly established OSU Lifestyle Spending Account was given by President Rai Goerler. This program would give \$125 per quarter to current

- employees of the University to participate in a club/social activity. This might be an opportunity for Torch Club to attract new members if we could be listed on the approved listing by the University. There is a need for a current employee to see if Torch Club membership would qualify. Diane Selby volunteered to check with an employee who might be willing to check on this for us and report back to the board.
3. The IATC annual meeting will be held June 27-30, 2024, in Richmond. Registration is limited to 150 people. Registration opens at the end of November, and it will be the 100th anniversary year. Columbus Torch Club has allocated \$1,500 to help with expenses for up to 5 attendees.
 4. Ideas for celebrating the IATC centennial were generated.
 - a. A cake at one of the meetings was suggested.
 - b. We could invite an IATC person to come to our October meeting to talk about the celebration.
 - c. The March business meeting could set the stage for the following October.
 - d. An article in the Columbus Dispatch would be wonderful.

Secretary's Report

Thom Seelbach was not present, but his report was given by President Goerler. There are 49 reservations for this evening and 6 guests. It was noted that the new directory has omitted David Hammond, and he should be added in as a member.

Treasurer's Report

David Lenz reported a balance in the treasurer of \$23,187.59. The average dinner costs \$2,300 - \$2,400. It was suggested that for the holiday dinner in December the wine be poured by the glass unless declined.

Fellowship Report

Diane Selby reported that the Member's Moment honoree for this evening is Liz Short with her presentation by Dorothy Driskell. There has been no request for transportation for this meeting, but Diane will continue to investigate the possibility of group rides for those at First Community Village.

Membership

Dorothy Driskell presented two applications for membership.

1. Dorothy will introduce and formally initiate two new members this evening – Tere Beck and Sally Dellinger.
2. She has two guests for prospective memberships this evening – Jill Yven and Diana West.

Newsletter

Steve Sterrett reported that he will be gone in January but will have the newsletter out to all members.

Website

Rai reported 36 unique visitors to the website in the last month.

District V and IATC Report – no report given.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be on January 4, 2024, at 4:30 pm at the Faculty Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Diane Selby, Recording Secretary