**WIU SUAA April Board Meeting Minutes**

Wesley United Methodist Church Library

10:00 a.m., April 5, 2018

Those present: Nelson, McLaughln, McLean, Werling, Thompson, Richmond, Maguire, Dallinger, Farr, Helmers, Marx, Pano, Jones.

President McLean called the meeting order. Minutes of the March meeting were approved. Dallinger/Helmers

Treasurer’s report- no report.

Announcements included discussion of the SUAA sponsored informational meeting to review the QCHP. The program will be this afternoon at the Wesley Church with refreshments provided. McLean will introduce Linda Far from WIU-HR who will facilitate the meeting.

The Annual Dinner Meeting will be held April 24 at Wesley. The program for that evening will be informational comments on QCHP and suggested options by Farr. Pano will give an update on the State of Illinois political issues and financial status.

WIU Foundation is moving ahead with the planning of a Columbarium project to be located in the Memorial area near University Village. Funds have been donated. Discussion followed on updating the local membership directory. The topic will be visited again at the next meeting.

Membership report- Marx reported that as of the end of February, 2018 there were 611 members in our local chapter and 14,757 members statewide.

State SUAA Board report- Maguire reported from the last meeting. He identified a discussion concerning ideas about increasing membership statewide. Also discussed was the possibility of taxing retirement income in the State of Illinois.

SAT report- Nelson reported the following individuals have passed away: Geneva Keithley, James Prange, David Bigelow, Paul Lee, Christopher Izzo, Thomas Drinka, Lowell Lueck and Harold Morrow.

Legislative report- Pano identified the results of the primary election. He reviewed the race for the fall. There was discussion on the fall governor’s race. Local level races were identified. Discussion was held on funding for State Universities. We at Western need a unified campus.

Publication report- Helmers reported the newsletter has been mailed. She requested any address changes be sent to her.

Foundation report- McLaughlin reported there is a vacancy on the Foundation Board of Directors. The board will host a Foundation luncheon at the next Annual Meeting. There was concern identified about the cost of the meal.

Network report- no report.

Technology report- no report

Old Business- none identified.

New Business- none identified

Motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Jones/Marx

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Richmond, secretary