

Friends of ORNL
Board of Directors Meeting
July 12, 2021
Minutes

<i>Board Members</i>		<i>Officer/Committee</i>		<i>Adjunct Members</i>		<i>Committee Chair</i>
John Gunning	X	President		Bob Hightower		Community Lectures, Visitor Badges
Ellen Smith	X	Vice-President		Wade Creswell	X	ORNL Liaison
Chuck Coutant	X	Treasurer, MNP		James Rome	X	Website
David Mullins	X	Secretary		Connor Matthews	X	MNP, Weinberg Papers
<i>At Large</i>				Dave McVicker	X	ORNL History Room, arrangements
Sydney Ball		New member outreach		Kent Williams	X	Past President
Bob Compton	X	Monthly Speakers Troika		<i>Guests</i>		
David Fields	X			Gloria Caton	X	
Carolyn Krause		Publicity & Com., Troika		Kathy Gant	X	
Fred Peretz	X	MPNHP				
Janet Swift	X	ORNL Tours				

x indicates present at the meeting.

Opening

John called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom due to the CV separation issues.

Secretary – David Mullins

The Minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer – Chuck Coutant

All funds are with the ORNL Federal Credit Union

Account balances as of July 11, 2021:

Savings account	\$ 156
Checking account	\$ 4,222
CD 1001	\$10,171
CD 1003	\$ 4,667

Lab Liaison (Wade Creswell)

Concern was expressed regarding ORNL's engagement with retired employees. It was suggested that Teresa Nichols, who is acting as retiree liaison with Team UTB, could be a resource.

Interest was expressed in potentially serving as speakers in local classrooms. Allison Melton is the education outreach contact at ORNL.

Visitor badges – the return of all staff to campus had been targeted for August 1. That target now seems less certain. Tours are targeted to return on October 1 but that is a DOE decision.

Wade suggested that the best way to obtain visitor access is on an individual basis, either

through him or specific divisions contacts, rather than obtaining broader access for all FORNL members.

Committee Reports:

Luncheon Lectures - Bob Compton, John Gunning, Ellen Smith

Last month's talk

June 8

ORNL Manufacturing Demonstration Facility

Dr. Craig Blue, ORNL

Upcoming speakers:

July 13

Why Nuclear: Why Now

Dr. Andrew Worrall

August 10

Solid State Battery Research

Dr. John Bates

September 14

How Did the Big Bang Create Matter?

Dr. Vince Cianciolo

Bob requested to be relieved of his role in recruiting speakers. He agreed to serve through the end of the year.

Community Lectures (Bob Hightower, Chuck Coutant)

A Community Lecture via Zoom was presented by Krishna Niyogi from UC Berkeley on June 23. It was suggested that we continue recruiting future speakers with Oak Ridge ties to encourage community attendance.

History Room (Dave McVicker)

No activity this month due to suspension of visitor access to ORNL.

Membership (David Mullins)

At the end of June 2021, there are 49 life members and 32 annually paid members for a total of 81.

At the end of June 2020, there were 46 life members and 44 annually paid members for a total of 90.

Tours

Bus Tours (Janet Swift and Fred Peretz)

AMSE and the K-25 History Center are open. As noted above the bus tours may authorization to resume on October 1. However, since the bus tours normally are winding down by that time of year it's likely they won't resume until 2022.

Virtual Tours of the Graphite Reactor and other facilities at ORNL are available at the link below.

<https://www.ornl.gov/news/take-virtual-field-trip-through-tours-ornl-facilities>

Manhattan Project (Chuck Coutant, Connor Matthews, Bob Hightower, Dave McVicker, John Gunning)

The Manhattan Project National Historic Park reception desk is open. Volunteers are needed as well as at the K25 and AMSE museums.

Weinberg Papers Project (Connor Matthews, Jim Rushton)

The Weinberg Papers are available online via the link below.

<https://childrensmuseumofaokridge.org/weinberg/>

Website (Jim Rome)

Jim reported that he is having difficulty getting administrator access to the old web site. John Gunning and Bob Compton will try to contact Shafik to facilitate this.

Connor is working with Jim to upload videos of previous luncheon meetings to the website.

New Member Outreach (Fred Peretz)

Fred indicated that our existing brochure is out of date. He suggested that a new format might be 4 x 9 cards that could be placed “Area Attractions / Information” racks at various locations around town. He solicited ideas for possible content.

Alternate Media (Ellen Smith)

FORNL information is being posted on Facebook. They are now allowing a link to our website.

Suggestions were solicited for increasing our visibility within ORNL.

Old Business

Chuck Coutant submitted a funding request to ORNL.

John Gunning and Jim Rome will meet with ETTEC to go over the logistics for streaming our August 10 lunch meeting. It was decided that we should tell the Soup Kitchen to prepare food for 30.

The next regular board meeting: 9:30 a.m., Monday, August 9, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

New Business

David McVicker reported a celebration of the life of Stephan Stow will be held at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd, Farragut, TN from 2 – 5 pm on August 28, 2020.

Addendum

On July 20 John Gunning made a motion via email that the August 10 luncheon meeting should be held only via Zoom rather than returning to in-person. As of July 22, nine affirmative votes had been sent by email. The motion passed,

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Mullins
Secretary, Friends of ORNL