

Friends of ORNL
Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2021
Minutes

<i>Board Members</i>		<i>Officer/Committee</i>		<i>Adjunct Members</i>		<i>Committee Chair</i>
John Gunning	X	President				
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		MNP, Weinberg Papers
<i>At Large</i>				Dave McVicker	X	ORNL History Room, arrangements
Sydney Ball	X	New member outreach		Kent Williams		Past President
Bob Compton	X			<i>Guests</i>		
David Fields				Gloria Caton	X	
Carolyn Krause	X	Publicity & Com., Troika		Kathy Gant	X	
Fred Peretz	X	MPNHP		Jim Rushton		
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 September 13, 2021 meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer – Chuck Coutant

All funds are with the ORNL Federal Credit Union

Account balances as of October 10, 2021:

Savings account	\$ 156
Checking account	\$ 5,000
CD 1000	\$10,178
CD 1003	\$ 4,674

The Treasurer reported that we are receiving direct deposit contributions from Benevity. These account for discrepancies reported last month between his records and the bank statement.

CD #1001 matured on Sept. 25, 2021. On October 4, 2021 this was converted into a 14-month CD at an interest rate of 0.4% (CD #1000).

Lab Liaison (Wade Creswell)

Wade clarified the details of the UT-Battelle employee charitable gifts matching program.

All ORNL employees are required to be vaccinated by October 15, 2021. As of October 4, 2021 95% of the Lab employees had been vaccinated.

A meeting was held on September 16 between John Gunning, Ellen Smith, Wade Creswell and Teresa Nichols discuss concerns regarding ORNL engagement with retirees. Teresa will supply John with contact information for individuals within the Lab who may help to address our concerns.

Wade will be leaving UT-Battelle to accept a position at East TN Children's Hospital. A new Lab liaison for FORNL will contact us.

Committee Reports:

Luncheon Lectures - John Gunning, Ellen Smith, Carolyn Krause

Last month's talk

September 14

How Did the Big Bang Create Matter?

Dr. Vince Cianciolo

Upcoming speakers:

October 19 (Note change of date)

Molten Salt Reactors

Dr. Charles Forsberg

November 9

Licensing deals involving technologies that could potentially help our nation address the challenges of the pandemic and climate change.

Dr. Mike Paulus

There will be no December meeting.

Community Lectures (Chuck Coutant, Kent Williams)

No report

History Room (Dave McVicker)

No report

Membership (David Mullins)

At the end of September 2021, there are 50 life members and 34 annually paid members for a total of 84.

At the end of September 2020, there were 47 life members and 49 annually paid members for a total of 96.

Visitor Badges (Syd Ball)

No report

Tours

Bus Tours (Janet Swift and Fred Peretz)

No report

Manhattan Project (Fred Peretz)

New ranger – Ian Wilder

Website (Jim Rome)

David Mullins has hard copies of the presenters, dates and presentation titles for lunch lectures and community lectures. He will scan these and send them to Jim Rome.

New Member Outreach (Fred Peretz)

Fred presented draft versions of FORNL information cards. The key issues related to the cards are design, production and distribution. Where and how to distribute the cards will need to be determined before we proceed with production..

Alternate Media (Ellen Smith)

Ellen reported that we have 130 followers on our Facebook page.

Carolyn Krause was commended for her articles appearing in the Oak Ridger regarding the lunch and community lectures.

Next meeting will be on November 8, 2021 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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