

Friends of ORNL  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 10, 2022  
Minutes

<i>Board Members</i>		<i>Officer/Committee</i>		<i>Adjunct Members</i>		<i>Committee Chair</i>
John Gunning	x	President		Bob Hightower	X	
Ellen Smith	x	Vice President, Troika, Facebook		Katy Brown	X	ORNL Liaison
Dave Mullins	X	Secretary, Membership		Jim Rome	x	Webmaster
Chuck Coutant	x	Treasurer		Dave McVicker	x	ORNL History Room, arrangements
Kent Williams	x	Immed Past President, Community Lectures		Connor Matthews		
<i>At Large</i>				Kathy Gant	x	
Syd Ball	X	Visitor Badges		Gloria Caton	X	
Bob Compton	x	Troika		<i>Guests</i>		
Dave Fields	X	Professional Development Certs				
Carolyn Krause	x	Publicity				
Fred Peretz	x	MPNHP				
Janet Swift	x	ORNL Tours				

x indicates present at the meeting.

**Zoom link for Board Meeting –**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88132938254?pwd=YzhjK0hzUnBGZUV3ZUxPbUk5a05WUT09>

**Opening**

President John called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM

**Secretary – Dave Mullins**

The minutes of the December 13, 2021 meeting were previously distributed by President John Gunning.

The minutes were amended to indicate that there was no Membership report.

The minutes were approved as amended.

**Treasurer – Chuck Coutant**

All funds are with the ORNL Federal Credit Union. Our accounts are given as of January 10, 2022.

Checking account: \$10,470.34

Business Membership Account: \$178.53

CD 1000 (new 14 month Certificate of Deposit): \$10,188.42

CD 1003 (17 month Certificate of Deposit): \$4,680.40

Total assets: \$25,517.69

Activity since last meeting:

## Income

- One \$20 membership dues (not yet deposited)
- Two PayPal \$20 membership dues notices that have not been credited to our account

## Expenses

- Reimbursement of \$144.92 to Jim Rome for camera for Zooming in-person meetings

## Committee Reports:

### ***Lab Liaison*** - Katy Brown

Katy introduced herself.

Hoping to have 100% of staff on-site by April 1, currently 60%.

There were approx. 1000 new hires at ORNL during the pandemic. Current staffing is ~5600.

Bob Compton asked how many had left or retired during this period. Katy would get back to the board with that information.

Board members encouraged / requested Katy to consider producing a monthly / quarterly ORNL newsletter for retirees.

### ***Luncheon Lectures*** - Ellen Smith, Carolyn Krause

No meeting in December

Upcoming meetings:

January 11

Rick Raines - Director, Electrification and Energy Infrastructures Division, ORNL

Enhanced EV Charging - including wireless charging on roadways

Protecting the Future Electric Grid from Cyberthreats.

February 8

Cymbeline Culiati

Future Applications in Regenerative Medicine

The Science and Technology of the Company NellOne

### ***Community Lectures*** (Kent Williams, Chuck Coutant)

No report.

### ***History Room*** (Dave McVicker)

#### ***Treasures from the Archives***

These will resume when Dave obtains access to the ORNL History Room.

### ***Membership*** (David Mullins)

At the end of December 2021, there are 51 life members, 35 annually paid members for 2021 and 5 annually paid members for 2022.

At the end of December 2020, there were 48 life members, 53 annually paid members for 2020 and 10 annually paid members for 2021.

**Visitor Badges** (Syd Ball)

One-off visitor badges are approved for “mission critical” reasons.

Hopefully blanket approval for visitor badges will resume if 100% on-site staffing resumes on April 1.

**Tours**

**Bus Tours** -Janet Swift

A planning meeting will be held the week of January 17.

Bus tours may resume in April.

**Manhattan Project** (Fred Peretz, Chuck Coutant, Connor Matthews, Bob Hightower, Dave McVicker, Jim Rushton, John Gunning)

No report

**Webmaster** – Jim Rome

Jim relayed that the site had approximately 2300 visitors since inception.

**New Member Outreach** – Syd Ball, Fred Peretz

Fred indicated that information cards would cost ~\$0.80 each to produce. He didn't want to move forward on production until we had stability in our monthly meeting format (live, Zoom, hybrid).

**Alternate Media** – Facebook - Ellen Smith

Ellen encouraged board members who are on Facebook to share meeting announcements and invite others to attend.

**PDH Certificates** – David Fields

Certificates are currently up-to-date. Very light participation.

**Nominating Committee** – John Gunning – convenor

John reported that the committee was having difficulty recruiting a president for 2022. Asked to board for additional ideas / recommendations.

**Old Business**

An email vote was held Dec 30 – 31, 2021 to change the January luncheon meeting from hybrid to Zoom only. A majority of the board voted in favor of this motion.

Kent Williams indicated that he had paid the state of TN registration fee.

**New Business**

A motion was made to increase the FORNL support for the Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair (SASEF) from \$500 to \$1500. This motion was defeated 5 – 2.

The consensus of the board was to revisit this request at a future meeting after it was clarified how this support would be spent. Chuck Coutant, David Fields, Ellen Smith and Fred Peretz were appointed to review the request and report a recommendation.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Mullins*

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Secretary, Friends of ORNL