

TOSU-HT Board Meeting  
January 17, 2015

The first meeting of the new board for 2015 was held on January 17 at 2:00PM at the Brickhouse.

In attendance were President Mike Chema, Past President Jim Zinn, Treasurer Mike Schmidt, Student Recruitment Chair Lisa Schmidt, Community Service Chair John Harris and Holly Harris, Communications Member Dick Shephard, Membership Chair Larry Tingley, and Secretary Jim Wallace.

President Mike Chema called the meeting to order and the minutes of the past meeting were approved.

Treasurer Mike Schmidt distributed a spreadsheet showing the current financial condition of the organization and the proposed budget for 2015. The club ended 2014 with a balance of \$7,503. The budget was approved. Mike pointed out 2 areas of concern, a year over year decline in sponsorships, and the need to fund the organization's scholarship.

Past President Jim Zinn, and current chair of Fundraising and Sponsorship, discussed sponsorship and scholarship needs. Some members in attendance agreed to support both.

In the absence of a permanent Programs and Development Chair, Jim Wallace and Mike Chema will work together on this area. Tom and Cindy Gilman have agreed to again host a dinner party for the OSU Synchronized Swim Team on Saturday night, February 14, at 601 Richmond Road. Point of contact will be Martha Keltner who will coordinate with OSU to ensure compliance rules are followed. The team will compete against William and Mary at Adair Hall on Sunday, February 15. Warm ups start at 9:00 a.m., with competition beginning around 9:30.

Membership Chair Larry Tingley reported that the club ended 2014 with 107 paid memberships. As 2015 begins, there are 32 paid memberships. Members who have not done so should mail their annual dues to Larry Tingley at 4615 Beacon Hill Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

Student Recruitment Chair Lisa Schmidt discussed a promising initiative that may greatly assist local recruitment efforts. The Yellow Ribbon program, in which

Ohio State participates, offers in-state tuition to children of active and retired military based on the fact that the requirements of their military service makes establishing residency problematic. This should help us in recruitment locally, given the high concentration of military families. Lisa also said she had received an invitation to participate in the Megagenesis student recruitment event at Woodside High School, an early student recruitment event that attracted over 1,000 students last year. Mike Chema and Jim Wallace volunteered to represent OSU at this event. Others interested in participating in this or other student recruitment events should contact Lisa regarding their interest and complete the associated online training.

Community Service Chair John Harris reported that no 2015 opportunities are yet scheduled.

Communications Member Dick Shephard expressed his appreciation for the good shape in which the website and online communications were turned over to him. He said he has been learning how to use the website, that things seem straightforward, and that beyond that he is planning for a newsletter.

Dates and locations for future game watches were discussed. Members will be notified when plans have been finalized.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20PM.