President Tina Hottle called the meeting to order at 6:30pm at the Sidney American Legion. She introduced Maggie Sweeney, our new Regional Engagement Officer from the Alumni Association. She told us a little about her background. Tina and the other members present introduced themselves to Maggie.

Chuck Craynon moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting that were sent electronically; Ronda gave the second and the motion passed. Ronda Fogt gave the Treasurer’s report; we have a current balance of 12,501.23. Maggie explained how money goes into our account and will be checking for Ronda on some items regarding setting up our “current use fund”. The report was filed for audit.

Ronda reported on the Leadership Symposium that she attended representing the club. She reported that it was a great learning experience and shared several ideas with the board. One is that April is designated as a “month of Service” and she suggested that we plan to help with a local event then. Ronda also let the board know that we still need to get our old Facebook page taken down. Tina will contact Jayne Smith to see if she can help with this.

The club achieved Gray status this year for our activities and received money $1000 from the university for these activities. Maggie answered many questions about what we can do in the various event categories. The board learned that events count when all members of the club are invited to attend. Several possibilities were discussed. Maggie also told us that we receive one free mailing to all alumni in Shelby County per year.

After explanation and discussion, Roger Bender moved that the club sponsor the Buckeye Strong Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at the Sidney American Legion. Chuck gave the second and the motion was passed. Tina appointed Roger as chairman for this event. He will share details with the club members.

Members present discussed other possible events such as a Life-long learning (Wine and cheese tasting), Networking event (meeting other Buckeyes and sharing) and Diversity/Culture (watching the movie “Race”).

Stephanie Everett, scholarship chairman, moved to send $1000 to the Emerson Scholarship Fund to cover this year’s scholarship; Roger made the second and the motion passed. Stephanie noted that she will need assistance this year with the scholarship process because the time frame has been moved up. Derek McCracken and Missy Bennett offered their help. Stephanie noted that Todd and Julie Heckman have also volunteered.

Roger suggested Stacie McCracken as our speaker for the Annual banquet and meeting on March 28, 2017 at the Sidney American Legion. Derek will secure the date with her.
Joe Smith reported that as of tonight there as only 13 more squares to sell on the OSU/Michigan squareboard which is a club fundraiser.

Tina announced that Game Day’s (Watch events) are scheduled for October 22 at the Sidney Moose downstairs for the Penn State game, with door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, and appetizers (after 10). November 26 at Scudzy’s in Newport at Noon for the Michigan game.

Tina will continue to complete the calendar of events. Roger made the board aware of the Clear Creek Farm fundraiser on the same date as our Game Day on the 22nd. We will let them know next year in August when we select our dates.

Helen noted that she forgot to Facetime the meeting with Chloe Heins, the student representative this evening.

Roger moved to adjourn the meeting and Chuck gave the second. Meeting was adjourned.

Board members present:
   Tina Hottle, President
   Sam Fogt, Vice-president
   Ronda Fogt, Treasurer
   Helen Ward, Secretary
   Chuck Craynon
   Derek McCracken
   Roger Bender
   Joe Smith
   Melissa Bennett
   Stephanie Everett
   REO-Maggie Sweeney

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Ward, Secretary

Additional note:
Stephanie Everett received two thank you notes from two of our scholarship recipients: Erin Gaerke and Nathan Platfoot. Helen Ward has those notes.