

**Minutes
Institute for Senior Professionals
January 18, 2005**

Members Present:	Eileen Arpke	Bill Hall	Van Swenson
	Dave Bechtold	Doug Harvell	Walt Turner
	Stan Berg	Don Litke	John Vaughan
	Dale Blanchard	Bill Maxson	George Wagner
	Russell Christesen	Jane Meigs	Barbara Wall
	Howard Dimmig	Eddie Phillips	Dann Wallis
	Jim Durham	Annette Register	Roger Wallis
	Bill Edgington	Tom Reynolds	Loyal Weaver
	George Fischer	George Russell	Al Weidenbusch
	Mack Gay	Larmon Salmon	Rae Williams
	Audrey Hains	Sy Shwiller	

Members Absent:	Robert Billingsley	Ben Grafton	Sam Mac Nulty
	Mike Flynt	Inez Hall	Herb Steely
	Bob Garcia	David Keener	John Streit

Others Present:	Jim Chitwood	Riotta Scott
	Janice Henderson	Becky Tislow
	Bob Richburg	

Call to Order

Dann Wallis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Eileen Arpke to deliver the invocation. Dann then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome Guests

John Vaughan introduced his guest, Fred Pryor, recently retired CEO of Okaloosa Gas District; Stan Berg introduced Dr. Art Lester, a medical doctor and attorney.

College Report

Dr. Richburg said that enrollment is down 3.4 percent due to the effects of Hurricane Ivan. This percentage is much lower than other community colleges in the state. He said that students are either handling personal issues related to the hurricane or are working in the recovery/rebuilding industry. He said that 8 BSN students dropped out of the program, but that the BAS program grew by 38 students in Term Two.

Dr. Richburg said that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation team will be on campus February 1, 2005 to evaluate the college's two baccalaureate programs.

Dr. Richburg highlighted several upcoming events and activities.

Website

Dann changed the Order of Business for Tom Reynolds, Janice Henderson and Riotta Scott to preview ISP's new website. A portion of the website will be designed for individuals seeking information concerning ISP; the remainder will be password protected and will contain Minutes, the member roster, and a calendar of upcoming events. In response to a question about determining the website's effectiveness, Ms. Henderson said the college has tracker software that could be applied to see how much the site is being used. Tom said he would schedule a "mini tutorial" for a later time.

Chairman's Report

Dann expressed ISP's sympathies upon the loss of Nancy Maxson's father and welcomed Bill Maxson back to the meetings. Bill thanked members for their expressions of sympathy and thanked those who had donated to the Larry and Helen Hewett Music Scholarship in memory of Nancy's parents.

Dann thanked Roger Wallis and his committee for an outstanding Christmas Social.

Dann presented a completed *Directors Guide*, and asked members to contact a member of the Executive Committee if they have questions or comments.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the November 16, 2004 meeting were approved. Motion, Howard Dimmig; second, Audrey Hains.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Bechtold presented the Treasurer's report that reflected a balance of \$9,8805.88. He said there is a balance of \$785.72 in the Discretionary Fund and said the Executive Committee recommended a \$500 donation to the Madrigals. After some discussion, Howard Dimmig moved that ISP donate \$1,000 to the Madrigals unless there is a problem with IRS donation guidelines and that in that event, the gift amount would revert to a decision of the Executive Committee; second, Jane Meigs. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Motion, Don Litke; second, Bill Edgington.

Committee Reports

Program

Eddie Phillips said that Tom Conner, Northwest Florida Daily News, accompanied by Editor Pat Rice, would be today's speaker; Walt Richardson, a local small business owner, will speak in February and Tom Powell, Walton County Economic Development Council in March. Dave Bechtold suggested that perhaps Tom Reynolds might present a program concerning the ISP website at a future meeting.

Membership

Barbara Wall report that member Jeffrey Brown has resigned

Social

Roger said 75 members and guests attended the Christmas Social and that everything went very well.

Dann said that Bob Garcia asked members to put May 21st on their calendars for the Spring Social at the Eglin Yacht Club.

Senior Activities

Walt Turner said that Prime Time registrants number 500 plus seats, so the semester looks promising. He said that he and Dale Blanchard attended the Senior Expo last week at which more than 1,000 people were in attendance.

Walt announced that Dr. Jill White has approved a Recreation Expo in conjunction with the Center for Life Long Learning at UWF. The expo will be held March 10, 4-7 p.m. in Building K. He asked that members who happen to know of recreational activity groups, i.e. cycling club, call Amanda Barker with a contact name and telephone number.

Walt also said that the Computer Club is re-evaluating itself to determine its future direction.

Children in Crisis

Mack Gay said the final planning has been done for the Capital Campaign kick off to be held January 27. He said four local architects have developed plans and that renderings will be made available at the kick off. He said there have been many pledges received ahead of the kick off – funds for the temporary shelter house have been pledged as well as the first two homes, the pavilion and several rooms.

Special Committees:

Visiting Lecturer

Jim Durham said staff is working on the Visiting Lecturer program that will take place April 14, 2005.

Heritage Museum

Jane Meigs said things are going well with the Heritage Museum.

City of Valparaiso Public Works Study

Howard Dimmig said a draft report was included in the packet. He said the committee has one suggested change on the last finding. The new item should read “It is recommended that the city review, in depth, the provisions of new tax and other legislative acts which might provide a means to improve cost efficiencies of benefits provided by the city. A notable example is the massive Medical Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, signed into law December 8, 2003. That act authorizes new, expansive health care savings accounts (HSAs) permitting non expiring Section 125 cafeteria plans to be used in conjunction with new, lower-cost High Deductible Health Plans (HDHPs.) Moreover the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA) provided the greatest changes to business retirement plans in more than 15 years. Applicable to public as well as private institutions, this legislation offers new opportunities to substantially increase savings and reduce administrative complexity and costs of retirement plans.” Motion to accept, Van Swenson; second, Don Litke.

Youth Village

Bill Edgington said he is awaiting an email reply from Ms. Bogar. He said she has established a board as suggested by ISP and that Eddie Phillips is giving her some good suggestions on how to use her board effectively.

Prime Time Review

Eileen said that she asked Dale Blanchard, Tom Reynolds, Barbara Wall and Walt Turner to assist in reviewing the Prime Time program. The review covered publicity, class offerings, support, college involvement and age requirements. Eileen said that after review, the group determined the Prime Time program is doing very well with good attendance and a great variety of courses offered.

Dale asked members to contact him if they have suggestions for future class offerings.

Science Fair

Eileen said that the new director, Ms. Marsha Botterbush, was unaware of ISP's willingness to assist in judging the competition. Most judging slots for this year's competition are filled except for zoology and botany.

Focus 2020

Environmental and Natural Resources

Loyal Weaver said that the CBA Water Quality Report might be obsolete since damage done by Hurricane Ivan. He said the University of Florida would hold a workshop on January 20th on herbicides and pesticides at the Okaloosa County Extension Office. He said the task force would meet with Ross Hamilton to determine how ISP might assist the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance.

Transportation

Bill Maxson said the group met with Will Nelson in December. Will, Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, heads up the tri-county steering committee working on the Regional Transportation Authority draft agreement. He has invited the ISP to participate with the steering committee and ISP will attend committee meetings. Will also asked ISP to review the most current version of the draft agreement and make recommendations.

Public Services

Stan Berg suggested that the public service report be included in the LRC/ISP archives and shared with people who met with the task force. He said there are some benefits for consolidation such as better training and use of facilities but that there might not be a monetary savings in the short term. He said there is some push to consolidation, but also much resistance and suggested that this is no time for ISP to become involved. He said that Okaloosa County must decide when the time is right to revisit the issue.

The report was approved. Motion, Dale Blanchard; second, Eddie Phillips

Around the Room

Dale Blanchard announced the NFSO Food and Wine Tasting to be held February 20th, 1–4 p.m. in the Conference Center, located on Okaloosa Island. Cost is \$25 per person. He said there are 28 restaurants participating and 50 different wines will be available for tasting.

Stan Berg said the League of Women Voters will hold a forum January 22nd, 10 a.m. – 12 noon in the Shalimar Town Hall concerning the condition of local beaches following Hurricane Ivan.

Tom Reynolds suggested that any announcements of upcoming events that might be of interest to ISP membership should be included in the website.

Eileen Arpke said that Prime Time is considering a name change and that any suggestions be provided to her or Amanda Barker.

Barbara Wall provided her new email address as wallflower1010@cox.net.

Doug Harvell said he received an email from Mr. Craig Barker, Mayor of the City of Destin, saying that the City Manager Evaluation was incorporated into the manager's contract and took

place the latter part of the year. He said the evaluation worked “flawlessly” and thanked ISP for its work to develop the evaluation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.