

**Eastern Kentucky University Retiree Association Meeting
April 21, 2015**

Location: ECU Library – Noel Studio

Time: 10:00 AM

Facilitator: Charles Hay; Tour Guides: Julie Silver and Trina Napier

Topic: ECU Library Programs and Noel Studio as it relates to ECU Students, Faculty, and Staff

EKURA members enjoyed a tour of the ECU library and learned a great deal about the new directions for university libraries and space design. Following the tour, lunch was provided in a conference space.

Marshall Myers, president-elect of EKURA, called the business meeting to order and announced that president Don Calitri will be away for both the April and June meetings so he will preside. Pat Ridgley, Treasurer, reported that there is a balance of \$2300 in the treasury. Minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented on the EKURA Website. The February meeting was cancelled because of inclement weather.

Marshall spoke about House Bill 4, sponsored by Senator Greg Stumbo, which supported a Bond to take care of the unfunded liability of the KTRS and would make the system more financially sound for the coming years. The Bill passed the House but failed in the Senate. He spoke of letter writing campaigns to demonstrate support of the Bill and ways members of KTRA and KTRS might continue to keep this critical issue at the forefront for the 2016 Legislative session. Ron Wolf is representing EKURA at the State KTRA meeting in Louisville; In June we will hear from him about the important concerns of retired teachers in Kentucky.

Krista Whitaker is no longer our liaison to the Development area at ECU. Marshall Myers and Jackie Vance will try to meet with the person who will work with our organization.

Charles Hay spoke about upcoming trips, the first of which will be May 19, to Clermont County, Ohio; Mark Calitri will facilitate the visit. On July 21, those interested in a trip to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, will meet at Peddler's Mall at 7:00AM to share rides. Charles will facilitate.

The February meeting topic will be rescheduled at a later date. On June 16, at 11:30 we will meet at Gillum's to hear Todd Jones of Baptist Health Richmond talk about the hospital's renovation and a program specific to Healthier Kentucky, focusing specifically on Medical Issues for Retirees. Laura Melius will facilitate this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with a reminder to continue to be mindful of the problems our retirement system is facing and ways we can keep attention on this critical issue.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Vance, Secretary