

## **EKURA Meeting Minutes 12/16/2013**

Location: Heritage House Bed & Breakfast

Time: 11:30 am

Guest Speaker: ECU President Michael Benson

Topic: Annual Christmas Luncheon

The December meeting was called to order by President Fawn Conley. The minutes were approved as posted on the EKURA website.

President Conley announced that the canned vegetables collected would be taken to the Home Meals Delivery Program, the school supplies would be presented to Model Lab School and the hats, gloves and scarves would be taken to the Salvation Army. She also announced that she needed members to submit their volunteer hours for 2013 as quickly as possible so she could complete the annual report to Kentucky Retired Teachers Association.

Treasurer Patrick Ridgley announced the Association treasury balance is \$2281.83. ECU Senior Charitable Grants Writer Krista Whitaker announced that there is \$48,385 in the EKURA Endowment fund. She also stated that she had received a thank you note from the current EKURA scholarship recipient Sarah Morrow who will graduate in May.

President Conley announced that since the 2014 legislative session will begin in January, members should start contacting their legislators and urging them to support requiring Kentucky to make its promised contributions to the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System. She also provided information on the number of retirees in the Central Kentucky East District of the KRTA and their financial impact on their communities. Charles Hay provided information on an article that appeared in the Courier Journal concerning the retirement system.

Before members enjoyed lunch, President Conley read an email she had received from a young soldier to whom she had mailed a Christmas package through another organization. Several members expressed interest in corresponding with the young man. His email address is [JLBAILEYGOARMY@yahoo.com](mailto:JLBAILEYGOARMY@yahoo.com)

ECU President Michael Benson provided an update on the campus and programs. Combs Hall will be torn down to make way for a new campus entrance. Earl Combs will continue to be honored by having another area of campus named for him, perhaps a new baseball facility. Plans are being made to construct a new building on the corner of Lancaster and the By-Pass to house the College of Education and Model Laboratory School. The Combs Building will then be used for different purposes. Phase II of the Science Building project is being made a priority. Funding for the College of Education/Model project will come from a different funding program than the Science Building.

Benson also announced that the Aviation Program has been named one of six FAA approved programs in the US. A \$2 million capital investment will be used for improvements, i.e., a new hanger and runway.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at Gillum's Restaurant. The meeting was adjourned.