

Northwest Retiree Association

Board Meeting: 1 p.m. Mar. 19, 2026 in the Conference room of Haven Coffee Shop

**Board Members Present:** Robert Dewhirst (President), Christine Benson (Secretary), Theo Ross (Treasurer), Jim Eiswert (Member-at-Large), Karen Schaffer (Member-at-large), John Shaw (Member-at-large), Rosalie Weathermon (Past President)

**Board Members (Zoom):** Sue Wood (Vice President and What’s Up this Week/Month), and Pat Lucido (Member-At-Large)

**Board Members Absent:** Janice Brandon-Falcone (Member-at-large) and Nancy Farlow (Member-at-large--Membership)

### Minutes

- I. Call To Order—1:06 p.m. by Bob
- II. Approval of Agenda—With the addition of items New Business 4 and 5, and Old Business 3, (below), Jim moved to approve the amended agenda, Karen seconded, and approval was unanimous. (Minutes of the Nov. 13, 2025 General Meeting Minutes were approved via email.)
- III. Treasurer’s Report—Theo Ross

#### Northwest Retiree Leadership Scholarship Fund

Balance Oct. 31, 2025	\$20,991.12
Income	
Nov. \$ 0	
Dec. \$2,329.41 (\$1,895.57 in cash contributions)	
Jan. \$150 (cash contribution)	
Feb. \$100 (cash contribution)	
Expenses	
Nov. \$ 0	
Dec. \$11.35 (Investment Expenses)	
Jan. \$ 0	
Feb. \$ 0	
<b>Balance Feb. 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$23,559.18</b>

#### Operating Fund

Balance Oct. 31, 2025	\$ 5,866.06
Income	
Nov. \$ 30 (cash – membership dues)	
Dec. \$415 (cash – membership dues)	
Jan. \$ 95 (cash – membership dues)	
Feb. \$100 (cash – membership dues)	

## Expenses

Nov.	\$ 23.19 (GoDaddy)
Dec.	\$ 0
Jan.	\$ 0
Feb.	\$ 0

**Balance Feb. 28, 2026**

**\$ 6,482.87**

Jim moved to approve, John seconded, and the report was approved unanimously.

## IV. New Business

1. Consideration of possible nominees for President-elect and Secretary—Bob Dewhirst Pat Immel (for President-elect) and Nancy Farlow (for Secretary), and agreed to accept a nomination at the General Meeting. Christine, or some Board member other than the person leading the meeting, will nominate them.
2. Consideration of possible nominees for two Board positions—Bob Dewhirst Karen Schaffer, Jim Eiswert, and Pat Lucido agreed to accept nominations for another term as members-at-large. Sue will ask a couple of other people (not limited to people who live in Maryville) about filling the positions vacated by Nancy Farlow.
3. Coffee and Zoom Happy Hours—Sue Wood
  - a. Sue asked if she should move the Coffee Hour away from Tuesdays since the Lunch & Learns are also on Tuesdays. We agreed that she should keep the current date of Tuesday, March 31, then ask those who attend if there is a better day.
  - b. The Zoom Happy Hours have been moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at 2:00, rather than 4:00, so that people who do not live in Maryville still have the opportunity to socialize with those who do, while not making the Maryville residents choose between Zoom or the Pub.
4. Bearcat Day of Green—NWRA Scholarship
  - a. Rather than making a donation to the NWRA Leadership Scholarship in the fall, Jim made a motion (Karen seconded) that we make a \$1,000 now and use it to make a Bearcat Day of Green Challenge, which would encourage others to donate as well. (The motion was approved unanimously.) (Since Christine has already been in contact with Jill at the Foundation, she will send an email and copy Theo, Treasurer.)
  - b. As this donation should fully endow the scholarship (Yay!), Christine verified with the Foundation that continuing to add to the account will eventually enable us to offer a second scholarship. This is preferable to starting a separate scholarship account.
5. Compensation for A Bit of Leaven Fieldtrip

Karen From has asked that instead of paying her directly for her time and resources she will use during the NWRA field trip to A Bit of Leaven, she asked that we make a donation to a food pantry, recommending the Bearcat Food Pantry that serves students on the Northwest Campus. Karen Schaffer made a motion (seconded by Jim) that in lieu of compensation to Karen From for her time and resources for the NWRA field trip to A Bit of Leaven, we will donate \$200 to the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcat Food Pantry and use that money for a Bearcat Day of Green Challenge, to encourage others to make donations. (The motion was approved unanimously.)

- V. Old Business
  - 1. Current and possible future Lunch & Learn classes.
  - 2. Distance outings, tours, or activities
    - a. New Theater production and meal? (We continue to be open to suggestions.)
    - b. Visit bakeries, farms, Truman Library, WWI Library (People are welcome to suggest and coordinate these.)
    - c. Joel and Christine Benson will check with Backyard Vine & Wine to see what options they have for a field trip.
  - 3. Presentations
    - a. John Shaw would like to do a presentation, Important Discoveries by the James Web Space Telescope and other Telescopes. He will email Duane Havard about reserving a room at 3:00 on a Wednesday afternoon, April 8, 15, or 22.
    - b. Rosalie will ask Janice to check with Rob Voss about doing an AI in Education update.
- VI. The next General Meeting, where we will elect new officers, is scheduled for 4:00, Thursday, May 14, 2026 in 211-212 Hughes Fieldhouse.
- VII. Adjournment