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## UA1B3/5 Meeting Minutes

WKU Cherry Statue Committee

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Minutes of Steering Committee

August 6, 1937.

The Steering Committee of the H. H. Cherry Bronze Statue Fund met in the Little Dining Room of J. Whit Potter Hall today, August 6, 1937, at 12:15. There were present : Chairman J. R. Whitmer, Dean F. C. Grise, Mr. E. H. Canon, Mr. W. J. Craig, Dr. M. C. Ford, Mr. L. T. Smith, Mr. Sterett Cuthbertson, Miss Florence Schneider, Mr. W. L. Matthews, Dr. A. M. Stickles, Mr. Will B. Hill and Miss Mattie McLean. Lunch was served by Miss Helen Gwin, dietitian, for which each member present paid twenty-five cents.

After the luncheon the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. J. R. Whitmer, made some introductory remarks and took up for discussion the various items which he had in mind.

He reported that there is now in the bank to the credit of the committee \$623.44 and of the pledges of the faculty yet unpaid totaled \$189.25 and that pledges unpaid by the alumni and others was \$237.00.

He showed to the group the blueprints that had been planned by the landscape architect and called attention to the suggested location of the statue. The blueprints showed the desired place in front of the Classroom Building now being erected and fronting College Street. A discussion was held as to the location, keeping in mind one or other of the following: facing College Heights, facing the Kentucky Building on the Western slope, or on the immediate grounds of the Kentucky Building.

Next Mr. Whitmer gave a verbal report from Mr. J. L. Harman, President of the Bowling Green Business University, who was enthusiastic over the outlook of the possibility of collecting \$2,500.00 from the citizenship of Bowling Green to apply on the statue fund. Mr. Harman thinks there will be no trouble about raising this amount at an early date.

The desired date for the erection <sup>and the unveiling</sup> was discussed and upon motion of Mr. Cuthbertson with a second from Dr. F. C. Grise a motion was made that we endeavor to erect and unveil the statue on Tuesday, November 16, 1937, depending

on the progress of the landscaping yet to be done. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion ~~was~~ made by Mr. W. J. Craig with a second from Mr. Cuthbertson that a committee composed of Dr. F. C. Grise, and Mr. W. L. Matthews, members of the present Executive Committee of the institution, and Mr. J. R. Whitmer and Miss Mattie McLean be appointed to confer with the Executive Committee of the institution and reach a decision as to the recommendation to the Board of Regents ~~on~~ the desirable date as well as location of the statue. The motion was unanimously passed.

It was unanimously agreed that follow-up letters should be written to members of the various graduating classes again soliciting their subscriptions to the fund.

~~The~~ desirability of inclosing in the letter which is ~~assumed~~ to be prepared and mailed from the President of the Alumni Association, Mr. Harry W. Peters, to the members of the Alumni Association, a second letter (from the *State Fund* committee) ~~and~~ requesting Mr. Peters to embody in his letter an appeal for ~~their~~ contributions. The motion was made by Dr. M. C. Ford and seconded by Mr. Matthews and was unanimously carried.

Upon discussing the matter of having the next issue of the College Heights Herald give complete information concerning the campaign, it was the unanimous *opinion* consent of the committee that this be done, ~~and~~ whereupon Mr. Whitmer appointed Dr. F. C. Grise, and Mr. Will B. Hill a committee to cooperate with Miss Richards with this in view. The next issue of the Herald to come out sometime in October.

A discussion as to whether the ~~matter~~ *campaign* should be presented to the present student-body was then held. It was the consensus *opinion* that this not be made a matter of general announcement ~~be made~~ *just now* but that it should be presented to the senior class as a group at the next meeting of that class which will be a week or ten days later. The announcement ~~should be~~ *should then be made at Chapel* as to their action. The motion was made that Dr. F. G. Grise in connection with Mr. Whitmer confer with Dr. Earl Moore, the sponsor of the senior class, relative to the best *method of* presentation.

~~of~~ this matter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matthews and unanimously passed.

The next point for discussion <sup>was</sup> ~~of~~ the matter ~~was~~ a permanent burial site for Dr. Cherry. Some of the members present feeling that it was not suitable that the body rest on College Heights and others feeling that this was a matter for the family to decide and still others felt that the soil of College Heights was the proper place. Since a statement was made that a committee had already been appointed by the Board of Regents at their last meeting to investigate the feasibility and the desirability of the interment on College Heights for the erection of a suitable monument by the State it was unanimously agreed to leave the matter in the background as far as this committee was concerned.

When the question whether or not an individual should be sent into the field to solicit funds it was agreed that this was not the proper time, to do <sup>it</sup> and that it would probably be much better to wait until the proposed follow-up letter be sent.