

<b>Meeting Title</b>	Gavel Club Meeting	
Date and Time	April 1, 2024 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM	
Location	Kalahari Resort	
Meeting Facilitator	Sandy Helinski & Marsha Jones	
Participants	Julie Burt, Marsha Jones, Randy Griswold, Ron Marker, Connie Slomczewski, Dave Skoug, Mary Felhofer, Sandra Helinski	

## **Meeting Topics**

Introduction and Welcome - First Gavel Club in several years

- 1. Interest in maintaining the Gavel Club:
  - a. It was determined that their IS interest in maintaining the GC.
  - b. Randy Griswold enthusiastically asked "Why not?
- 2. It was reported in the WSRT Budget that the GC account has \$7650.90 in its account. Discussion about these funds included:
  - a. What should be done with these funds to best support the WSRT?
    - Regarding the current funds in the GC account, a discussion was held about the WSRT Board's decision to update the WSRT website. There were important decisions to be made at this juncture regarding maintenance costs of the current website structure. Miranda Hurley, newly-elected President did a significant amount of research with other affiliate societies' websites,and had a representative from the new company speak at the last WSRT board meeting about the advantages to the WSRT of converting to a new administrator that Iowa and another state successfully utilizes. The cost savings would be realized in approximately 3 years' time after an initial cost that yet has to be finalized. The GC members at this luncheon meeting agreed on a proposal to assist the WSRT in this expense up to \$3000.00. The new website structure has potential for recruitment and more timely communication of WSRT offerings to highlight a couple of reasons for the conversion. There is a WSRT Board meeting on Weds April 24 and appropriation of the \$3000 could be communicated for that meeting, as well as proposing a GC raffle on the Monday of next year's conference.

- 3. The traditional GC raffle that occurred throughout the course of the past conferences had not been held in a few years. Reasons were:
  - a. The WSRT conference/student symposium has a new combined format. The day dedicated to technologists occurs on Monday, with the program centered largely on student activities /lectures on Tuesday and Wednesday of the conference. The student population holds their own gift basket raffles amongst the schools. The GC did not want to be viewed in competition of the student raffles, and there was little overlap for the students to bid on GC items.
  - b. The PPs at the meeting thought that it would be nice to try a raffle again for the Monday (technologist day) of the conference. We believed that there would be enough interest with the amount of attendants on Monday to make it worthwhile and it would not compete with the students' raffles. Randy offered to make a stained glass item, We could have the items / GC table in the back of the lecture room. We will have to get approval from the Conference Coordinators to proceed
- 4. Randy offered to speak with the newly elected board members of the WSRT who work with the students at Bellin Health. They might be able to help us formulate new ideas on how the GC can best support the needs of the students and WSRT.
- 5. Marsha Jones and Sandy Helinski had informally taken on the effort to renew interest in the GC and the friendships made over the years. Next year's WSRT Conference will have the Technologists' day on April 21, 2025. We hope you will be able to attend the luncheon and GC meeting that day and possibly stay to enjoy some camaraderie together.
- 6. Meeting adjourned

Meeting Notes	

Action Items	Assigned To	Deadline
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