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TRUMAN ATHLETICS DIRECTOR JERRY WOLLMERING

Jerry Wollmering has served as the Director of Athletics at Truman since September 1999 and is tied with Kenneth Gardner as Truman's longest serving Athletics Director to date. He has had a 32-year career in athletics including serving as associate athletics director of finance and administration at Bowling Green State University in Ohio beginning in January, 1998 and as the assistant athletics director for financial affairs for two years at BGSU, prior to being an associate AD. Wollmering helped Truman switch conferences - from the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association to the Great Lakes Valley Conference, in the 2012-13 academic year. GLVC has 13 schools, eight of which are in Missouri. Wollmering was appointed to the NCAA Div II Management Council in 2021 for a four-year term and was made Vice Chair on November 2, 2022. Wollmering said the Council, which oversees all 300 Div. II schools, meets quarterly, sometimes virtually.

Truman State University has 18 sports with about 400 student athletes. Wollmering is particularly proud of Truman athletes 90% graduation rate, among the highest in the country. Truman is one of 44 schools with graduation rates 90% or above and only three of these are public universities.

Wollmering said we should encourage young people to pursue officiating. He said it is becoming very hard to get officials to serve at various levels of education. Truman has had a challenge hiring coaches as well.

The speaker is pictured above with Past President Amanda Langendoerfer who conducted the meeting in the absence of President Marie Murphree.

50-50 Drawing: Elsie Gaber pulled a "joker" for \$200; pot now set at \$2,015.

Guests:

- Elsie Gaber** (Thousand Hills club)
- Josh Farmer** (prospective member)
- Mason Garbs** (prospective member)

Upcoming Programs:

- Feb. 22:** Luke Callaghan/Parks & Recreation Update
- Mar. 1:** Classification Talks
- Mar. 8/15:** TBA
- Mar. 22:** Curtain Call/Preview "The Murder Room"