

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 25, 2024

1:30 Emeriti Suite

Executive Committee Members Present: Mike Woods, Carloyn Gang, Priscilla Gerfen, Becky Schlais, and Ron Miller

Council Members Present: Gary Clark, Ray Huhnke, Bob Levalley, Michael Lorenz, Carol Schmitz, Gerald Stangl, and Sue Williams

Committee Chairs Present:

Emeriti Support Present: Sofia Gustafson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mike Woods at 1:29 PM.

Minutes: It was moved (Gang) and seconded (Gerfen) that the minutes of the February 26th meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried.

President's Report:

Mike requested Council membership in the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). Dues are based on annual budget and Provost has agreed to cover cost. Motion approved.

Council members are requested to help identify new members at Monday dinners so that Mike can recognize them.

Joe and Sue Williams will be the "Meet and Greet" hosts at our monthly dinners.

Acknowledgements and huge thanks were given to Michael and Velda Lorenz as they step down as the hosts.

There was discussion about getting the Association set up to accept on-line payments for both memberships and dinners. Mike is researching more information and collaborating with Treasurer. This is topic for many Emeriti Associations and discussed on AROHE's website. Discussion was tabled until more research can be done.

Annual reports have been posted to website.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Miller prepared the March 2024 Treasurer's Report for Emeriti Council to review. There were no questions of submitted report and report was received.

Treasurer also alerted Council of downside of using credit cards. There is usage fee that Council has been covering. Treasurer presented 3 sets of figures pertaining to cost for Monday's dinner ranging from \$20 - \$21 being proposed for members using credit card. Motion was moved (Clark) and seconded by Schmitz for Council to utilized the mid-rate of \$20.50 per member for card usage for Monday dinners. The motion carried.

The 2023 Financial Report was submitted and accepted by Council. Auditors commended Ron Miller on excellent job.

Past President's Report: No update.

Vice-President for Activities: Priscilla gave quick overview of monthly speakers that have been confirmed.

April speaker will be Jayson Lusk, Vice President and Dean, OSU Agriculture, May will be OLLI, June will be Doug Aichele, Iditarod judge and Gabbie, sled dog.

Fall program is being worked on and exciting programs planned.

Administrative Assistant Report:

Sofia updated Council on RSVPs received for upcoming dinner.

Emeriti Association Directories going out in mail next week.

Membership Report: Mike Lorenz gave update on four new members.

Mik Lorenz is looking into requesting OLLI add information about membership in their newsletter to promote Emeriti membership. Mike will check with OSU HR to see if Emeriti information can be included in OSU retirement packets.

Committee Reports:

Ray Huhnke gave update and highlighted the Emeriti Investment Club. Currently there are 13 members and coordinators are Ron Miller and Ray Huhnke. Club meets weekly and looking for new members to join in the fun. Club members are actually partners in a legal partnership. Contributions can be as little as \$25 per month or as much as \$200. Visitors are required to attend 3 meetings before applying for membership, and there is no pressure to join. The Club holds weekly meetings pertaining to informal stock evaluation and/or business meeting (where buy/sell decisions are made).

Other Business:

Sue Williams informed Council that numerous members of the Emeriti had been awarded The Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame awards. She along with team members put nomination together for Emeriti couple. More nominations should be looked at in the future by Council.

Adjournment: It was moved (Clark) and seconded (Huhnke) that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25.

Announcements: The next Monday Night Dinner will be April 1.

The next Council Meeting will be April 29th.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Schlais, Secretary
