

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes Monday,

January 29, 2024

1:30 Emeriti Suite

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

Council Members Present: Judy Hoberock, Ray Huhnke, Bob Levalley, Michael Lorenz, Kent Sampson, Carol Schmitz, Gerald Stangl, and Sue Williams

Committee Chairs Present: Clem Ward

Emeriti Support Present: Sofia Gustafson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mike Woods at 1:30 PM.

Minutes: It was moved (Kent) and seconded (Gary) that the minutes of the November 27th meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried.

President's Report: Mike thanked all for serving last year and requested that Chairs of Committees submit annual reports that can be posted on website. Also, reminder that OSU Emeriti Association is a member of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). This national association is offering a free webinar series exploring social, psychological, and emotional aspects of transitioning to, and living in, retirement. Details was included in the January Newsletter for members. It was noted that the annual fee for AROHE is covered by Provost.

Reminder that Michael and Velda Lorenz will be stepping down as the "Meet and Greet" hosts at our monthly dinners. Individuals were identified and will be contacted. Mike Lorenz requested individual(s) to be identified quickly to transition responsibilities.

Mike Woods noted that two past presidents recently passed and wanted to recognize their contributions at the next dinner. Jim Plaxico (2nd president), and Mary Frye (6th president) were very instrumental for OSU Emeriti.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Miller presented the December 2023 Treasurer's Report to Emeriti Council. It was moved (Gary Clark) and seconded (Carolyn) that the report be received. The motion passed.

Treasurer also presented the 2024 Proposed Operating Budget with a copy of scenarios to consider due to increases in costs for meals. Following a discussion about the cost of meals and maintaining the quality of food being offered, a motion was made to increase the cost of meals to \$20 effective March 1, 2024, and accept the proposed 2024 Budget as presented with proposed increases. Motion was moved (Carolyn) and seconded by (Mike Lorenz). The motion carried

with one opposing. Mike Woods will inform members at the next dinner. Also, information will be shared with members via newsletter.

It was moved (Carolyn) and seconded (Priscilla) that a letter requesting \$2,080 reimbursement for last year's set-up fees **and** \$2,539.59 reimbursement for the 35th Anniversary celebration both be sent through the provost to the Foundation. The motion carried.

Past President's Report: Gary reminded President and council members about renewing contract between the Emeriti Association and the Alumni Association.

Vice-President for Activities: Priscilla gave quick overview of monthly speakers that have been confirmed. February is Lincoln Birthday Celebration with guest speaker, Jim Rutledge. Priscilla has been working with Bob Graalman to get Declan Bredin, Irish journalist, as the March speaker. Bredin is working with OLLI to speak in Tulsa. Bob Graalman formally requested if OSU Emeriti would be able to cover \$500 stipend for expenses. It would be considered a speaker honorarium.

Following a discussion on general policies and guidelines, a motion was made to pay a \$500 honorarium. Motion was moved (Priscilla) and seconded by (Mike Woods). The motion passed. Priscilla will inform Bob of approval.

Request was made to develop policy or procedures for speakers. It has been customary to cover meal.

Administrative Assistant Report: Sofia reported that, to date, 81 reservations had been received for the February dinner.

Membership Report: Mike Lorenz distributed a written report. Discussion about declining membership number and possible strategy to address. Members are aging out, not renewing. Discussion about including information in the OSU retirement seminars being offered. Mike Lorenz and Mike Woods will see if they still have them and if brochure and benefits of Emeriti can be included in the information provided.

Council members are encouraged to reach out to recent retirees with a personal invitation to monthly dinners.

Other Business:

Catering: Clem distributed a written report outlining the previous year's dinners, average costs, number served, and average feedback score for each. Catering costs continue to increase.

Reminder that replacement needs to be identified by mid-year so that he and his successor can transition smoothly.

Clem also provided data showing subsidy of Monday night dinners from 2016-2023.

Faculty Council: Barbara's complete report was received.

Adjournment: It was moved (Mike Lorenz) and seconded (Gary) that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:46.

Announcements: The next Monday Night Dinner will be February 5th.

The next Council Meeting will be February 26th.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Schlais, Secretary
