

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 28, 2023

1:30 Emeriti Suite

Executive Committee Members Present: Gary Sherrer, Mike Woods, Kent Sampson, Priscilla Gerfen, Ron Miller

Council Members Present: Barbara Miller, Gerald Stangl, Carolyn Gang, Carol Schmitz, Bob LeValley, Mike Lorenz

Committee Chairs Present: None

Emeriti Support Present: Sofia Gustafson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Gary.

Minutes: It was moved (Bob) and seconded (Barbara) that the minutes of the September 15 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ron brought forward the motion to not charging those that cancelled dinner after the due date because of being sick. The council agreed to it on a case to case basis. It was moved (Mike Lorenz) and seconded (Mike Woods) that the motion be passed. The motion passed.

Past President's Report: Kent reported that Mike (Woods) nominated Carolyn for President-elect and she accepted. He also reported that Priscilla would be staying until December as VP of Activities and a replacement is needed. A replacement is also needed for Secretary to replace Kay and two councilors to replace Barbara and Carolyn. Barbara Miller term as the Faculty Council Representative is ending and Kent offered to replace her. He asked that councilors send him the names of anyone they may think may be interested. Kent mentioned that at the next council meeting jobs descriptions will be passed out for editing.

Vice-President for Activities: Priscilla confirmed Kenny Gajewski, softball coach, as the speaker for the October dinner. After a brief discussion, it was decided that there would be no speaker for the November dinner. Priscilla also reported that was an interest by Emeriti members to invite speakers not affiliated with OSU and she asked if that would be a possibility. Mike (Woods) agreed that even though the focus should be on OSU affiliated speakers, it would be good to bring in other speakers from time to time. Priscilla will ask Jim Rutledge to appear as Abraham Lincoln for the February dinner.

Administrative Assistant Report: Sofia reported that, to date, 87 reservations had been received for the October 2nd dinner. She also asked about the possibility to forward other information to Emeriti members that was not OSU related. She will forward the email to the council.

Membership Report: Mike Lorenz announced that Pamela Martin Fry had joined the organization as a life member. He provided a list of retirees, that retired between January 1 and July 1, to councilors so that they can make personal contact with those they know.

Committee Reports:

Faculty Council: Barbara's complete report appears following these minutes.

Other Business:

Health Care Benefits Update: Mike reported that OSU and the Stillwater Medical Center had come to an agreement. Even though, they reached an agreement that is a lot that is still unknown, such as rates and copays. Sofia forwarded him an email from an Emeriti member that had a question related to Health insurance and he reached out to Amy Hoy, He asked that Amy Hoy's information be saved as the person to reach out for retiree's inquiries.

Comments on AROHE: Mike reported that he found out the Emeriti Association hasn't been a member for a few years. Kent reported that he reached out to Denise Weaver and she forwarded him an email that showed the membership was last paid in 2021 by the provost office. Mike motion that the Emeriti apply for a free trial membership with AROHE and Barbara second it. The motion passed.

November Dinner Program Discussion: The November dinner will be a celebration of the Emeriti Veterans. Gary discussed the importance to recognize them. During the celebration a certificate will be presented to each veteran along with a brief introduction by Gary. He will work with the Daughters of the Revolution and Priscilla to recruit Color Guard, Conduct person and others. An invitation will be sent to veterans to attend the dinner.

Adjournment: It was moved (Carol) and seconded (Carolyn) that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40.

Announcements:

- The next dinner will be held at 6:00 pm on October 2nd.
- The next meeting of the Council will be October 30.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sofia Gustafson, Emeriti Administrative Support Specialist
