

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2026

Council Members Present: Joyce Sherrer, Gary Clark, Gladeen Allred, Becky Schlais, Liz Tarbutton, Carolyn Gang, Ray Huhnke, John Mintmire, Gerald Stangl, and Sue Williams.

Staff: Vacant

Absent: Cara Beer, Bob Graalman, Mike Lorenz, Kent Sampson.

Call to Order: President Joyce Sherrer called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the November and January meetings were approved.

President's Report: President Joyce Sherrer shared good news with Council that Sofia Gustafson would be returning as group's administrative assistant as of 3/16. The transition should be smooth and council members were excited. Joyce informed Council of issues that Zane Quible, webmaster, has had with sending out Newsletter to members. The issues have stemmed from converting the Emeriti website to Squiz platform approved by OSU Brand Management to make the site ADA assessable. Additional training is required and Zane is working with IT to get Emeriti in compliance and all worked out before next newsletter is due out. Joyce shared Financial Review Report from Carolyn Gang, Ed Noltensmeyer and Ron Elliott on Emeriti Treasurer's Reports for CY2025. The report shared that Emeriti is financially sound and Treasurer, Liz Tarbutton is doing wonderful job. Council accepted the report and thanked Liz for all her efforts. There was brief discussion on question that Jim Huston brought forward from University Retirement and Benefits Committee about sheltering medical insurance payments for retirees. Council was not knowledgeable about this and thought that more information would be needed to know exactly what was being asked. Joyce also let Council know that Zane is working on yearly directory. Also reminder for Past President, Carolyn Gang, that Zane needs letter from her to be included in Directory. Carolyn will work on and send to Zane.

As mentioned the last few months, Monday Night Dinner costs have continued to rise. This increase has been supplemented by Emeriti funds and plan needs to be worked out by Council to address these issues over next few months.

President-Elect Report: Gary Clark let Council know that we have around 98 members signed up for next Monday Night Dinner.

Treasurer's Report: Liz Tarbutton presented the financial report for January 31, 2026. There was motion to accept the reports and it was approved. Liz alerted Council that two CDs were maturing in March and would like guidance from Council on next steps. Discussion was had on the interest rates, length of time, and other options for consideration. After discussion, motion was made and approved for 6 months at 3.4% for both CDs at Credit Union. Last item that Liz

brought forward was the 2026 Proposed Operating Budget for Council to review. There was discussion on increasing proposed costs for expenses due to conversation about MND dinners being more than estimated in years past. Motion was made to accept proposed budget with changes and accepted by Council. Liz will make changes and email to group.

VP for Activities: Gladeen Allred let group know that all has been finalized for next MND and presenter will be President Jim Hess with an OSU Update.

Past President's Report: Carolyn Gang mentioned to group all the wonderful things that Emeriti members are doing and should be shared for all to be aware of. One example was the book that Zane Quible is working on from experiences and memories of blizzard in Nebraska. It would be great to share this information in newsletter or other ways of communicating to our members.

Membership Report: Mike Lorenz provided Annual Membership Committee Report for 2025 to Council. There were 13 new memberships and notice of death of 13 members in 2025. There was request to accept Emeriti Special membership for Dennis and Marta White who are great friends of OSU. A motion was made by Gary Clark to accept Special Membership of Dennis and Marta White and second by Ray Huhnke. Motion was approved.

Unfinished Business:

There was more detailed discussion on issues of increasing costs for Monday Night Dinners. There was historical information shared on catering costs for dinners and steady increase over past few years. Decision was made to have conversation with members at MND in April and let them know about information that would be shared in May newsletter. Plan is to inform and have conversations with members over the next few months and then vote on potential increase in June. Any changes would be effective as of September 2026 with start of new semester.

New Business:

Question was asked about scholarships being awarded by Council and wondering if changes could be made on criteria requirement for recipients to acknowledge and attend MND to be recognized before award is given. Joyce will see what can be done and report back to Council.

Announcements: Sue Williams discussed the procedure for nominations to the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society. Applications are due March 25th. Sue could love to see desiring Emeriti members being nominated. She can help review application packets but cannot prepare it or write letters of recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51.