

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2026

Council Members Present: Joyce Sherrer, Gary Clark, Gladeen Allred, Becky Schlais, Liz Tarbutton, Cara Beer, Bob Graalman, John Mintmire, Mike Lorenz, Gerald Stangl, and Sue Williams.

Staff: Sofia Gustafson

Absent: Carolyn Gang, Judy Hoberock, Ray Hunke, Kent Sampson

Call to Order: President Joyce Sherrer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

President's Report: President Joyce Sherrer welcomed Sofia Gustafson and stated how excited Emeriti Council was to work with her again. Joyce informed Council that Zane Quible is finalizing yearly directory. He is doing final edits, reviews and photo of Council members to include in the directory. Also Joyce let group know that she is meeting with Ann Caine, President of the Alumni Association, to complete yearly review and renew the agreement with the OSU Alumni Association. This Agreement is a partnership in which Alumni Association provides meeting and office space for Council and Emeriti support and Emeriti provides Ambassadors (volunteers) for special events.

President-Elect Report: Gary Clark let Council know that he has been working with OSU to send out solicitation letters for new members via listserv. This has been a learning process and working through all the issues. Gary and Zane are working with OSU for monthly newsletter to go out via listserv.

Treasurer's Report: Liz Tarbutton presented the financial report for February 28, 2026. There was motion to accept the reports and it was approved. Liz informed Council that the two CDs that matured early March were renewed for 6 months at Credit Union. Last item that Liz brought forward for Council was continuing the discussion on increased costs for expenses due to MND dinners. As mentioned the last few months, Monday Night Dinner costs have continued to rise. She provide reports with breakdown of MND data for 2025 and 2026 and Council had detailed discussion about all elements of costs. There was concern noted about no shows for dinner. Liz informed Council that she has emailed individuals to make them aware and reminder of policy of covering meal if no-show. There was discussion on making sure that this notice was included on the MND invitations that were sent out. Also, Council requested that Liz Tarbutton as treasurer provide update regarding the rising cost of meals to members at the next MND. Joyce also stated that she would include in the monthly newsletter, so that all members were aware of increased costs of meals and reminder about that if you make a reservation for a dinner and unable to attend, you are still responsible for payment.

VP for Activities: Gladeen Allred let group know that all has been finalized for next MND and presenter will be Denise Webber, CEO of Stillwater Medical Center. Cara Beer reported plans to provide a manual for catering that could be helpful for next Catering and Reservations Committee. She was also going to secure AV equipment for the upcoming speaker.

Past President's Report: No report.

Membership Report: Mike Lorenz informed group that no new members applications have been received this month. Mike is working with Sofia on letter to be sent out to members that have not paid dues.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: Sue Williams let Council know that 3 nominations to the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society had been received from OSU.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 and Council was asked to stay for Directory photo.