OSU EMERITI ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 29, 2013  

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Bertholf, Geneva Dugger, Betty Rutledge  

COUNCIL MEMBERS AT-LARGE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS/REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Andrea Arquitt, Sharon Brown, David Lewis, Judy Lewis, Pat Murphy, Sharon Nivens, Zane Quible, Vicky Sturgeon, Bob Terry, Clem Ward  

ALSO PRESENT: Adeana Sallee  

President Bertholf called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He made a correction to the Agenda under New Business. Additional items will be: the website; audit report; social committee discussion. The Agenda was approved following these additions. Bob Terry moved the minutes be accepted as presented; seconded and passed. Treasurer Geneva Dugger reported a checking account balance of $11,512.41, with the total spendable assets being $47,300.14. Clem Ward moved the treasurer’s report be accepted; seconded and passed. Geneva also reported the Credit Union where we have our account is now charging clubs $5.00 a month. Judy Lewis moved that we look into moving our account. Geneva will do some checking and report back next month. Several Thank You notes from the 90+ Club were circulated. Sharon Brown reported receiving many compliments on the 90th birthday party.  

STANDING COMMITTEES – Dennis Bertholf  
AUDIT – Bob Terry reported that the Audit Committee found the books to be in order. Pat Murphy moved the report be accepted; seconded and passed. A copy of the audit report is filed with the minutes.  
COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER – Vicky Sturgeon reported the 2013 Directory has been completed and mailed to members along with the Newsletter. Adeana Sallee asked that suggestions and pictures of projects be sent to her as the year progresses to be ready for the next Newsletter.  
EMERITI AMBASSADORS/ALUMNI RELATIONS – Sharon Brown reported that there are seven new people assisting with graduation along with the ones who have helped previously. Last month the group did a 2,000 mail out for the Alumni Center. The group will, in July, be sending out an 8,000 to 10,000 mailing. More help will be needed and appreciated.  
FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT – Dennis reported that President Hargis arranged for Human Relations personnel to be in attendance. The Colvin Center fee controversy has been resolved, and retired faculty and staff members will have their fee waived starting this summer. President Hargis reported that future enrollment is going well—just not the record enrollment experienced recently. Lee Bird presented a survey she had conducted on alcohol and drug use on campus, with no startlingly different results.
STANDING COMMITTEES – Pat Murphy, President Elect

BENEFITS, LEGISLATION, OKLAHOMA RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION – Dennis Bertholf reported State Bill 587, which would allow nursing home residents to have a video camera in their room. Is being considered. We are encouraged to let our legislators know our feelings on this matter. There is discussion of combining all state retirement funds (OETA is against it this year). OETA would like a no vote this year in order to allow more time to study the problem.

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE – Pat Murphy as chair of the committee scoured the building and found the 4th table belonging in the Emeriti Suite—thus we were able to operate as a “square group”.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Sharon Nivens reported there will be a mailing in June going to all those retiring from January 2013 to June 2013. Information about the Emeriti Association will be included in the mailing. Zane Quible is working on plans to get the information to people as they begin the retirement process (rather than after they retire). Sharon reported eleven people have joined since January 1st. She complimented Zona Noyes, Ron Noyes, Adeana Sallee, and Ruth Ann Sirbaugh for their efforts.

ACTIVITIES – Denis reported for the Jadlows who were absent. The May Monday Night Dinner will be the joint meeting with OLLI, with OLLI securing the program; on June 3rd, President Hargis will speak on the state of the university.

SPECIAL INTERESTS – MAKING THE MOST OF RETIREMENT – Zane Quible reported speakers have been secured for the remainder of 2013 and he has several suggestions he is following up on for later. This August and September there will be no meeting; however, he hopes to run all twelve months beginning in 2014. Zane asked Adeana to send an e-mail on the Monday before the Wednesday meeting to remind us. David Lewis asked if we should extend a formal invitation to OLLI members? Zane will speak to Ruth Ann.

TRAVEL – Dennis reported for Jack Stout that the Eureka Springs trip was cancelled due to lack of participation.

REPRESENTATIVES TO AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS:

University Wide Committees – ATHLETIC COUNCIL – Pat Murphy reported for Glade Presnal. He reported an update on facilities was discussed: The Track should be finished in August. The equestrian center will be located at the old swine barn on West 6th. The indoor football practice field will have Astroturf and be ready by late August. The Baseball diamond is to be built; the women’s soccer will stay at present location; the tennis courts will probably be ready by late June.

FACULTY COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

BUDGET – Andrea Arquitt reported the committee is working on a survey of faculty and staff to determine ages of kids and how that would affect the offering of tuition waivers for children. The administration is not interested in getting this off the ground.

RETIREE AND FRINGE BENEFITS – Bob Terry reported that the final version of the new policy on background checks for new OSU employees should be finalized by July, 2013. Some faculty members have reported problems with the Required Minimum Distributions issued to them from their TIAA-CREF accounts. OSU administrators have been made aware of this and
are in discussion with TIAA-CREF to make corrections. A member of the RFB sits on the Retirement and Fringe Benefits committee. A discussion was held of recent and impending actions regarding options available to OSU faculty for distributing investments of their retirement funds. A firm (CAMMACK) was selected to evaluate OSU procedures. They concluded TIAA-CREF fees are reasonable and fall at the midpoint of what is being paid at other institutions. The firm stressed the need to keep faculty updated and informed.

WHITE WOODS RETIREMENT CAMPUS – The Certification of Need procedure is being followed and they anticipate a positive outcome.

OLD BUSINESS:
There will be a meeting with Human Resource personnel John Dalton and, possibly, Jason Mayer from TIAA-CREF on May 22, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center Lecture Hall. Dennis asked for general questions to be presented. No personal questions at this meeting, please.

NEW BUSINESS:
Carol Headrick, who was the April MND presenter has asked that any honorarium for her be donated to the School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration. Clem Ward moved we donate $100.00; seconded and passed.

Zane asked about the progress being made with the website, stating that the student technician is graduating next week. Brenda Masters, who oversees the work being done, thinks it is coming along.

Dave Lewis volunteered to write an abstract of Bob Henrickson’s History of the Emeriti Association to be put on the website.

Judy Lewis commented that the Meet and Greet at Monday Night Dinners seems to be a success and she felt there should be a Social Committee appointed. Pretty much the same people have been manning it, but they may not/should not always be available for acting as hosts. That would fall under the Vice President for Activities. Andrea moved such a committee be formed by January 2014; seconded and passed.

Future Dates:
Emeriti Dinner – May 6, 2013
Council Meeting – May 24, 1:30 p.m. (THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH MEMORIAL DAY)

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Rutledge, Secretary