Council Members Present: Gladeen Allred, Ed Long, Betty Rutledge, Russ Wright

Council Members At-Large and Committee Chairs/Representatives: Dennis Bertholf, Dave Lewis, Sharon Nivens, Zane Quible, Clem Ward, Althea Wright

President Russ Wright called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. After adding an item—status of webpage—to Agenda, Gladeen Allred moved the agenda be approved; seconded and passed. Clem Ward made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; seconded and passed. Russ gave the Treasurer’s report in the absence of Ron Elliott (out of town for OLLI program), stating we have a balance of $9,829.78. Dennis Bertholf moved the report be accepted; seconded and passed.

Ed Long and Gladeen Allred, Co-Vice Presidents for Programs gave a rundown of Monday Night Dinner programs. March – Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Schools; April – Carol Headrick with a book review. There is planning underway for a program featuring Christian and Muslim leaders. There was discussion whether to open that meeting to the public. It was decided we might allow members to invite guests, but not open to general public. The reservations for extra guests would have to be in early in order to accommodate them. The May joint meeting with OLLI will be held at Meditations on May 4th.

Russ gave an overview of the last Faculty Council meeting. He told of the new library annex building (which will be open only to staff). OSU is in violation of the Title 9 training, but is getting closer to meeting guidelines. The Academic Standards Committee is revising the general education credits and there was much discussion about this in Faculty Council.

Old or Continuing Reports:

Items for the next Newsletter should be sent to Rachel Kear, the new secretary.

Dennis reported the bill to increase the retirement system by 2% is out of committee. But, it still has to go to Accounting for one year before can be put in place.

Catering – Sharon Brown wants out of this particular job.

Membership – Sharon Nivens reported 13 new members this year. The letter has gone out to invite members to join the Emeriti Association. Sharon said that Sally Banks (never connected with the University) would like to become a life member. Dennis moved Sally be accepted.

Zane Quible reported on the web page stating we do not have a web master. There has been no update since May. The Provost office will not now support the position. Zane said that we have three choices: Suspend the webpage; hire a student webmaster; turn the production over to a local webmaster. Zane will check for the departmental responsibility for suspending website. There was much discussion.

Sharon Nivens and Russ Wright led a discussion on creating a new Recruiting Brochure. A single sheet application and benefit list could (maybe) suffice. Nothing finalized at this meeting.
New Business:

Russ reiterated that the May meeting of Emeriti/OLLI will be at Meditations Monday, May 4th, hospitality at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m.

There was discussion on Emeriti office supplies and how to procure them. It was decided that supplies would be bought by individuals and receipt submitted to Ron for reimbursement. Some concern about where supplies are going.

We will be using the part-time OLLI secretary (Rachel Kear) for our office work. The best way to contact her is by e-mail.

Dave Lewis gave a report on the Research Committee. The Provost and Faculty Council are working on the details of this. The Research Committee role in this undertaking is uncertain.

Discussion Groups/Special Interest groups/Travel:
Zane reported on Making the Most of Retirement programs. Dennis Bertholf said the Investment Group has room for 1 or 2 more. The southern Oklahoma trip planned for March 24th has made.

Dates to Remember:
Monday Night Dinner, March 2
Council Meeting, March 30

Dennis Bertholf made a motion the meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Rutledge, Secretary