OSU EMERITI ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2013

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:  Dennis Bertholf, Geneva Dugger, Janice Jadlow, Joe Jadlow, Betty Rutledge

COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS/REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT:  Andrea Arquitt, Sharon Brown, Jim Criswell, Dave Lewis, Judy Lewis, Pat Murphy, Sharon Nivens, Glade Presnal, Zane Quible, Vicky Sturgeon

Also present:  Adeana Sallee

President Bertholf called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Janice Jadlow made the motion; seconded and passed. Geneva Dugger made a motion the minutes of the previous meeting be approved after a correction -- [Glade recommended getting a letter co-signed by the Emeriti President and the Faculty Council person Dave Lewis worked with] to take to IT person and the Department Head. This brought about a discussion on software access procedures. Treasurer Geneva Dugger gave two months financial report, reporting a checking account balance of $10,342.82. Joe Jadlow made a motion to accept the financial statement.

Standing Committees:  Audit – Alice Richardson will not be able to perform the audit this year. Bob Terry and Bill Brown are on the audit committee.
Finance and Development Committee – David Lewis reported he would be getting the committee together to prepare a budget.
Communications/Newsletter – Adeana Sallee needs articles for the Newsletter and the Update. Zane Quible moved we add the Update to the website; seconded and passed.
Emeriti Ambassadors/Alumni Relations – Sharon Brown reported that for the year 2012, 29 ambassadors performed 286 hours of service. At the December graduation exercises there were 15 volunteers.
President’s Report – Dennis is to meet later today with Dr. Lee Bird, who is interested in doing something for Emeriti.
Faculty Council Report – The FC passed the recommendation to not have the test required for university admission. The recommendation must now go to the Board of Regents.

Standing Committees – Pat Murphy, President Elect reported that the 2012 records are being archived today. The archives are in good shape.

Benefits, Legislation, OREA – Dennis reported on items being prepared for legislative review when the legislature reconvenes. He reviewed the articles The OREA News Bulletin.

Membership – Sharon Nivens said that John Mills had asked to be included in the Emeriti Association —since he is not an OSU retiree, he must be voted on. Joe Jadlow moved to accept John; seconded and passed. Since the last meeting, we have had nine people pay dues as new members.

Activities – Joe and Janice Jadlow asked who should be kept on committee and who has gone off. The February MND speaker will be Christine Allinson from Oklahoma Manufacturing; March speaker will be either Bruce Crader or President Burns Hargis; April’s speaker will be Carol Headrick doing “Dearie.” Relating the life of Julia Childs and will also be the birthday party for 90 year old the program for May will be provided by OLLI. Ruby Basler has sent three cards this month; be sure to let her know of anyone in need of a card. Jo Ann Seams had suggested we have table activities so that we become better acquainted with those we sit with. Sharon Brown read a communication from Jo Ann suggesting we honor those have 90th birthdays this year (1/1/13 thru 12/31/13) and recognize those who are past their 90th year. This party will be announced at February MND; those knowing of people needing honor/recognition should Sharon or Adeana.

Special interest groups: Technology – Glade Pressal said this month’s subject the group will be “backing up your computer.” The group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Glade will be gone for 2 1/2 months this spring and Linda Ealy will be reporting for him.

Investment – Dennis reported that Ron Elliott is the new chairman of the group they now have 21 members and can accept four more.

Making the most of Retirement – Zane Quible has been doing some footwork to get this new activity off the ground. He has arranged to use room 202 in the Stillwater Library on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30
Village, and avoiding identity theft. He is considering a program on Genealogy research and a program called "Village to Village", in which those participating will lend services to retirees who need assistance. This group will be open to the public and there will be no charge for attendance.

Joe and Janice also told of a trip to Wichita for a dinner theatre in the works for early March.

**University Wide Committees** – Athletic Council – Glade reported the chair had now taken care to see that the Emeriti representative will have full voting rights. Pat Murphy will take care of Glade’s responsibilities on this committee while he is out of town.

**Faculty Council Committees** - Budget - Andrea Arquitt reported the group is meeting at this time. She spoke of a problem with OSU in that they are not properly notifying OSU retirees about TIAA-CREF accounts. Because they are being negligent, retirees are being forced to make withdrawals and then being hit with paying a big tax. In light of the concern of Council members, John Dalton of Fringe Benefits services will be asked to speak to the problem at the February Emeriti Council meeting. If you have questions for John, get them to Zane Quible.

**Retirement and Fringe Benefits** – Bob Terry. In the absence of Bob, Dennis reviewed his submitted report. There are currently 53 emeriti members using services of the Colvin Center. More would be interested in accessing services if programs in the same manner accorded Faculty and Staff. No movement on this yet. The RFB committee felt the case for this and for the access to software would be strengthened by an inventory of the nature and extent of Emeriti faculty and staff activities and contributions to the university. The RFB committee discussed a proposed new policy that would require background checks for new faculty hires.

**White Woods Retirement Campus** – Glade told of visiting a similar retirement center in Wichita. The fees were very similar until you got to the amount that you would be refunded to you—the percentage was much higher at the Wichita center.

**New Business:** Zane has researched gifts that might be given to speakers at the "Making the Most of Retirement" programs and found a "skipping stone" paperweight which sells for $4.09 each with the Emeriti logo on it. The cost...
projector (do we buy one?). The room cost is $25.00. The total cost might, handouts, be $50.00 more or less. David Lewis made a motion that we spend $204.50 for 50 paperweights and that we commit to the $25 room charge for months. At that time the project would be reevaluated. Pat Murphy, as a member of Friends of the Library, will visit with the Library staff. Since this will be a joint community effort, there might be some assistance for the project. A survey will be sent soon — the survey will not include all retirees, but Emeriti members.

President Bertholf adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Rutledge, Secretary