COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Gladeen Allred, Geneva Dugger, Ed Long, Pat Murphy, Betty Rutledge

COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS/REPRESENTATIVES: Andrea Arquitt, Dennis Bertholf, Jim Criswell, Dave Lewis, Sharon Nivens, Zane Quible, Jack Stout, Vickie Sturgeon, Bob Terry, Clem Ward, Althea Wright, Russ Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Adeana Sallee, Bill Brown

President Pat Murphy called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Prior to approving the agenda, the subject of allowing the Payne County Youth Shelter to advertise their fundraiser at our Monday Night Dinner was brought up. After discussion, it was decided to place a moratorium on this type of activity until the Constitution has been examined for clarification. Bob Terry moved the agenda be approved; seconded and passed. Clem Ward made a motion the minutes be approved as published; seconded and passed.

Treasurer Geneva Dugger reported a balance of $11,221.50 in our checking account. Geneva reported we accepted eight (8) into lifetime memberships in 2013. She also prepared a summary of the Monday Night Dinner from September through December, 2013. Dennis Bertholf moved the Treasurer’s report be accepted; seconded and passed. Before leaving the finance area, it was decided we need to order bread boards to give to Monday Night Dinner presenters.

New Business:
Sharon Nivens reported an invitational letter was sent the second week of December to 72 new retirees. She also reported that David and Jana Swain has requested membership. Dennis moved to accept them. Sharon asked for assistance in preparing the 2014 Directory, which she hopes to have out by March 1.

Bill Brown reported for Sharon (who is ill). She asked if we wanted to continue with the same vendors as we have had in the past—Mexico Joe, Joseppi, Meditations and Klines. Klines will serve the February dinner with fewer items than in the past. The consensus was that these vendors are satisfactory. Sharon will check with the OLLI directory about the May Monday Night Dinner.

Zane Quible reported the Emeriti website was uploaded on Friday, but he couldn’t open it. Before the meeting was over, Zane got word that it can now be opened. The address is: emeriti.okstate.edu. Zane moved we give the student who works on the website a $100 honorarium. This was approved. Adeana will put notice about website in the Update. Zane also circulated Thank You cards for us to sign that will be sent to Brenda Masters and Abhar (the student web master).
Gladeen Allread and Ed Long, new Vice Presidents for Activities, announced the upcoming programs. The March 3rd program will be presented by Chris Steele, who works for TEEM, discussing Alternatives to Incarceration. The April meeting will feature Carol Headrick and her book review. The May meeting will feature a music group from Tulsa which the OLLI group has arranged for. For the June meeting, Ed has contacted Craig Lemon at the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City about the group having a tour of the facilities. We would take BOB busses, docents would give us a tour, we would have dinner there with Craig presenting a program from artifacts in the museum, and then home. There was long discussion on how to handle the costs. Clem Ward made a motion we charge twenty-five dollars ($25.00), with any shortfall coming out of the budget. Emeriti members living in the Oklahoma City area would be invited to join us. Sharon would help with addresses. Jack Stout suggested flyers on tables at Monday Night Dinner. We would need to leave at 2:30 p.m. in order to get everything in. Checks for the trip should go to Geneva. Ed and Gladeen are working on the fall meetings, with one of them being a presentation from OSU Extension Service which is 100 years old. The December program will be the Stillwater High School Choral group.

Jack Stout reported he is going to try to schedule a tour of the Bush Museum in Dallas.

President Murphy spoke of wanting to explore where we are, where we want to go, etc. He would like a discussion of the current agendas and practices, whether we are serving our membership or what we need to change. He is concerned that we are not reaching/serving the new generation of retirees. We need to develop our membership. How can we interest them in becoming active members of the organization and get more involved in activities? Some ideas are to publicize more the opportunities to serve or participate—travel, tutoring, the website, the various interest groups, flyers with these various activities listed could be sent with the invitation letter to join. We need to come up with ways to be more welcoming at Emeriti events, a “jazzed-up” new brochure might tweak their attention; maybe a survey on what is relevant to new retirees could be done with the participants remaining anonymous. A committee of Russ Wright, Vickie Sturgeon, Zane Quible, Andrea Arquitt, and Clem Ward will meet with Pat to go over this.

Dates to remember:
February Emeriti First Monday Night Dinner, February 3rd, 5:30/6 p.m.
February Emeriti Council meeting, Monday, February 24, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Rutledge, Secretary