OSU EMERITI ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY, 26, 2015

Council Members Present: Gladeen Allred, Geneva Dugger (Ron Elliott), Ed Long, Betty Rutledge, Russ Wright

Council Members At-Large and Committee Chairs/Representatives: Andrea Arquitt, Dennis Bertholf, Jim Criswell, Charles Leider, Dave Lewis, Judy Lewis, Anna Matoy, Katye, Perry, Glade Presnal, Zane Quible, Vickie Sturgeon, Bob Terry, Clem Ward, Bob Wettemann, Althea Wright

Also Present: Kathy Smith

President Russ Wright called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked for a motion to accept the Agenda as presented. Gladeen Allred moved the Agenda be accepted; seconded and passed. Russ noted that there were 6 voting officers and 9 councilors present (more than enough for a quorum). He then asked that each person introduce themselves since there were a number of new councilors/chairs present today. Bob Terry moved the November, 2014, minutes be approved as presented; seconded, and passed.

The December Treasurer’s report was given by out-going Treasurer Geneva Dugger, reporting a balance of $9,411.86. The total receipts for 2014 were $11,360.10, with expenditures being $13,169.82. Dennis Bertholf moved the report be accepted; seconded, and passed.

Member Reports:
Co-Vice President for Programs, Ed Long, announced the upcoming speakers for the Monday Night Dinner. The February speaker will be Craig Jones, CEO of Oklahoma Hospital Association, speaking on “The Affordable Care Act and Oklahoma”; March will bring newly elected State Superintendent of Education, Joy Hofmeister; the April program will be a book review, Ann Patches by Carol Headrick; May will be the joint meeting with OLLI, with OLLI providing the program; and, Ron Beer is working on a program with Gordon Edwards. The December meeting will be December 1st at Meditations with the High School Choral Group presenting the program.

Russ reported on Faculty Council. Dr. McKeever had updated Council on the National Energy Solution Institute. Josh Ward spoke of the Freshman Scholarship Program Research Fellowship, of which there were 95 plus this year. Freshman enrollment is the second largest (largest was two years ago). It was reported that freshman retention is at 81%. The University Police and the University are against guns on campus and the reasons it is opposed has been sent to the Chancellor of Higher Education.

Bob Terry reported that he and Bill Brown did an audit of the books since the office is changing hands and they found all to be in great order. Geneva had a very orderly and complete set of books. Geneva received a round of applause for her 6 year tenure. Geneva and incoming treasurer, Ron Elliott, are working on getting a credit card for Ron and getting his name on the account at the Credit Union.

Dave Lewis, Emeriti Representative on Faculty Council Research Committee stated that the University is not in a position to make available undergraduate research slots. He cited lack of funding, lack of physical space and the faculty workload.
Old Business:
Vickie Sturgeon reviewed the Newsletter format, etc. Items to appear in the Spring edition should be received by Kathy by early February.

Bob Terry reporting for the Retirement and Fringe Benefits Committee said that they plan to investigate, with the Staff Council, sick leave sharing. The committee is also looking into the possibility of fee waivers for spouses and dependents.

Judy Lewis gave the catering review. The finding of the committee is that the Monday Night Dinners should go up in March to $15.00, which covers only the cost of the meal. Clem Ward made a motion that the increase be implemented in March; seconded, and passed. There was much discussion as to how to (once again) let the members know the cost of the room, media, tablecloths, etc.—in the Update, Newsletter.

Clem Ward suggested we look into the possibility of using credit cards to pay for the Monday Night Dinner. That was tabled until the February Council meeting in order to give time to look into cost and procedure. At that time, it will be appear as Old Business.

In the absence of Sharon Nivens, Russ gave the 2014 Membership Report, stating we have 562 members (417 lifetime and 145 annual). 37 new members, included in numbers above, joined in 2014. We lost 21 members to death in 2014. Letters of invitation to join were sent to 200 new retirees. The breakdown of members by Emeriti Code:

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There was discussion on how to increase membership. One suggestion was a free membership for one year with the person paying for their meal after the free meal their first visit. This will be on Old Business agenda for the February meeting. Clem Ward made a motion to extend through June 2015 the offer of a free meal to prospective members; seconded, and passed.

New Business:
Our office secretary, Kathy Smith, announced she would be leaving this position the third week of February for another position, but will continue to help with OLLI business through March 23rd.

Russ announced the joint May Monday Night Dinner with OLLI will be on the second Monday of May, the 11th.

Zane Quible reported on programs for Making The Most of Retirement. The February meeting will be on container gardening; the March program will be Louise Schroeder on deciding where to live; in April, Glade and Faye Ann Presnal will tell how to plan a perfect cruise; and, in May, Danny Cochran will present a program on Finance.
Vickie Sturgeon reported that her special program, Emeriti Movie Discussion Group, meets the 2nd Friday and the 4th Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Emeriti Suite. She currently has a good number attending.

President Wright appointed a committee to review the Constitution, ByLaws, and Policies and Procedures. Dave Lewis will chair the committee with Dennis Bertholf, Clem Ward, Anne Matoy, and Andrea Arquitt serving.

Dates to Remember
February 2 - Monday Night Dinner
February 23 – Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Dennis moved the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Rutledge, Secretary