OSU EMERITI ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2014

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, Judy Lewis, Sharon Nivens, Glade Presnal, Zane Quible, Vickie Sturgeon, Clem Ward

ALSO PRESENT: Adeana Sallee, Bill and Sharon Brown

President Murphy called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and immediately turned the meeting over to Zane Quible who made a monetary presentation from the Emeriti to Abhar, the graduate student who has worked so tirelessly on getting the website up and running. Following the presentation, President Murphy called for approval of the agenda, which was approved by all. The minutes of the previous meeting had a (Glad Presnal’s name was inadvertently left off of the February minutes). Geneva Dugger moved the emended minutes be approved; seconded by Gladeen Allred.

Treasurer Geneva Dugger reported a checking account balance of $11,331.34. Judy Lewis made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report; seconded and passed.

Vice Presidents for Activities Gladeen Allred and Ed Long reported on program for the rest of the year. Carol Headrick will do her book review in April, which is also the 90 year member birthday celebration; May will be the joint meeting with OLLI, with OLLI procuring the program; June is our trip to the Cowboy Hall of Fame, with dinner and a tour of the facilities; September will be a celebration of Extension Services 100th birthday; October will be Chris Steele speaking on Criminal Justice; November – perhaps President Hargis presenting; and, in December, the Stillwater High School Choral group will present a program of Christmas music. Carol Headrick wants any honorarium to her be sent to a favorite charity, which she will name.

Dennis Bertholf reported that Faculty Council heard reports on the OSU Foundation, accreditation, the OSU custodial service, the block system. Anyone may read the actual minutes by going to the Faculty Council website.

Any committee reports Pat receives in writing from chairs will go on the website, perhaps as early as next month.

OLD BUSINESS:
Sharon Nivens reported four (4) new members have joined the OSU Emeriti. Sharon Brown reported that Joseppi’s will serve the meal for the April Monday Night Dinner.

Zane Quible reported the two (2) discussion groups have formed. Zane may run his group a second time, if there is enough interest. Vickie Sturgeon leads the second group.
Pat reviewed the “Invite a Guest/Prospective Emeriti Member to a Monday Night Dinner.” We are searching for a way to interest those eligible to join our membership, so we will invite guests and friends for a six-month period and then evaluate the results. There will be a limit of six (6) per month. If you are bringing a guest, the Emeriti office must be called to be sure the limit has not already been met for that month.

NEW BUSINESS:
Bill Brown and Bob Terry audited the books earlier. Bob is ill and Bill gave the report, stating the committee found everything to be in order. Clem Ward asked if the audit report be put on the website. Clem moved the audit report be accepted; seconded and passed. President Murphy on behalf of himself and the Council thanked the committee and Treasurer Geneva Dugger for their excellent service.

Vickie Sturgeon and Pat spoke of the opportunity for the Emeriti Association to run a 400 word column every Saturday to go in the Senior section of the News Press. It was decided to not have an article every week, but, maybe, once a month. The topics would be subjects of broad interest to readers over the age of 55. Discussion ensued. Pat will talk with Pat Day of the News Press and get more details. This possibility will be presented to the Emeriti membership and Councilors who are interested in supplying an occasional article. More forthcoming.

The President said there is a graduate student who is doing a research project needs people 65 to 75 years of age who would agree to a short interview. Pat asked how can we assist this student, informally, without changing our guidelines about identification. Ed suggested this offer be placed online to Emeriti members and those interested could then contact the graduate student. It could also be presented at the Monday Night Dinner and in the UPDATE. Councilors agreed.

Ruby Basler who has been our courtesy chairman has asked to be relieved of this duty. After some discussion, it was agreed to send only sympathy cards. (If we can find someone willing to take on this task).

Clem Ward and Zane Quible had, in November, conducted the survey of the Emeriti member/non-member survey. Clem discussed the findings. 77 responses were received. We are already implementing some of the suggestions and it was asked that a block of time be saved at the next Council meeting to go over the possibilities. Pat thanked Zane and Clem.

Pat reported that the Emeriti organization and the OLLI organization are coming together on some projects. Pat has invited Ed Arquitt to join him and Kent Olson, chair of OLLI to brainstorm on possibilities. Pat hopes to report something at the next Council meeting.

Sharon Brown asked for volunteers for the May 10th graduation ceremonies.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
April 7 - Monday Night Dinner, 5:30/6:00 p.m. Invite a guest!
April 28  Emeriti Council meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.