Council Members Present: Russ Wright, Gladeen Alred, Ed Long, Ron Elliott, Betty Rutledge

Council Members At-Large and Committee Chairs/Representatives: Andrea Arquitt, Ed Arquitt, Dennis Bertholf, Sharon Brown, Ann Matoy, Sharon Nivens, Glade Presnal, Zane Quible, Vickie Sturgeon, Bob Terry, Clem Ward, Bob Wettelmann, Althea Wright

President Wright called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., asking for approval of the Agenda as presented. Dennis Bertholf moved the Agenda be accepted; seconded and passed. Dennis moved the minutes be approved as presented (with the addition of Andrea Arquitt’s name in attendance); seconded, and approved. Treasurer Ron Elliott gave the financial report citing a checking account balance of $9,950.34. There was much discussion of how/should the treasury operate in general and in relation to the OSU Foundation. Russ will make an appointment for Ron and him to meet with a Foundation representative. Clem Ward moved the Treasurer’s report be accepted; seconded and passed.

MEMBER REPORTS:
Ed and Gladeen gave the Vice President for Activities report. Carol Headrich will give a book review at the April MND. May 4 will be the joint meeting with OLLI at Meditations; June speaker will be Vice President Henneberry on International Study; July and August will be informal meeting at Hideaway Pizza. On Setember 14 or October 5, the Monday Night Dinner program will be a joint presentation by Dr. Charles Kimball, director of Religious Studies Program, OU; Dr. Imam Imad Enchassi, chair Islamic Studies at OCU and President of the Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City; and Dr. William Tabbernee, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Council of Churches and former President of Phillips Theological seminary in Tulsa.

Russ reported that at Faculty Council President Hargis gave a report of how OSU handled anything they reported about the OU fraternity racial event and he also spoke of the budget. Work is still being done on how/whether to have fee waiver for students of faculty members. General Education is still pending.

Sharon Nivens reported the Directory is complete except the cover and should go out very soon. New members since the first of the year include: Eneth R. (Sally) Banks, Judith Cronk, Judy Davis, Sherman Grubb III and Debbie Grubb, A.J. and Linn Johannes, Louis and Nancy Johnson, Hassan and Afaf Melouk, Ron and Louise Miller, Cecil and Karen Strande, Barbara Trincenella, James and Carol Wickstead.

At an earlier Council meeting, the possibility of granting free membership for a year (to get people to join) was discussed, but has not been voted on.

In the absence of David Lewis, Ann Matoy gave the report for the Constitution, Bylaws Policy and Procedure Committee, citing some of the cleaning up and clarification changes being proposed. President Wright asked the committee to have a draft copy ready for the next Council meeting. If approved by Council, it would then be presented to the membership for approval at the June Monday Night Dinner.
OLD OR CONTINUING REPORTS:
Vickie Sturgeon said that items for the Newsletter need to be in this week.

Sharon Brown said that she is giving up the catering arranging in September, so someone needs to be found soon. Russ and Betty Wright will do the name tags for the MND. Any items that need to go in the Update should be gotten to Rachel Kear in the OLLI office. Recently deceased members were named. Zane will check on these and get them to Rachel.

Treasurer Ron Elliott has been looking into the use of credit cards to pay for MND. He had prepared a paper listed the pros and cons and what might be the best way to go. There was much discussion on the best way to handle this. It was agreed that Council would provide a device for taking charges (rather than Ron’s personal phone). There would be a small service charge for using a credit card—maybe 50 cents. Clem suggested we try it for the rest of the year, then evaluate. Ann moved we accept Ron’s report and that Council buy a device and charge up to fifty cents for swipe; seconded and passed.

Zane reported on the web page. IT employee Andrew Brashear to help update the obituaries and the calendar. For the short term, Zane will be the webmaster. We need someone who knows how to do layout design to get the recruiting brochure updated. It was suggested that maybe Graphic Arts at Meridian might do this sort of thing.

Kay Murphy sent word that the archives in Special Collections are complete for 2014. But, she would still welcome any working papers that could go there. Someone is needed to replace Ruby Basler as “card sender”. She needs to give this up.

NEW BUSINESS
Russ mentioned receiving a request to send information out by Emeriti e-mail for a new Alzheimer’s preventative clinical trial for people ages 65-85. He asked if this was something we should send out. It was decided that a note would be put in the Update with the contact number and let those interested take it from there.

DISCUSSION/SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
Zane reported the April 15th program for Making The Most of Retirement will be presented by Glade and Faye Ann Presnal. May speaker will be Danny Cochran on Legacy Planning and June speaker will be Louise Schroeder on Long Term Care Insurance.
Vickie Sturgeon said she is doing a foreign film series at Primrose Retirement Center. On April 10 and 26 the movie will be “How Green Was My Valley”. The Travel Club will be going to Crystal Bridges in April.
Dennis announced the Investment Club has lost some members and needs some new members. Sharon Brown mentioned that graduation is coming up May 10 and she needs volunteers for three graduation ceremonies. Graduation Celebration in Click Hall will be April 6 and 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. An e-mail will be going out to Ambassadors.

The next Council meeting will be on April 24th at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Rutledge, Secretary