OSU EMERITI ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 2014

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS AT-LARGE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS/REPRESENTATIVES: Ken Bell, Dennis Bertholf, David Lewis, Judy Lewis, Ann Matoy, Zane Quible, Vickie Sturgeon, Althea Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Adeana Sallee

In the absence of President Pat Murphy, Dennis Bertholf, Past President, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The agenda was approved as presented. Althea Wright moved the minutes be approved as presented; seconded, and passed. Treasurer Geneva Dugger reported a checking account balance of $5,332.47. Judy Lewis moved the report be accepted; seconded, and passed.

Ed Long, Co-Vice-President for Activities, gave an update on the June 2nd trip planned for Cowboy Hall of Fame. Ed will get parking permits for those without university permits. Gladeen Allred, Co-Vice-President for Activities, asked if there was interest in a July and/or August meeting at The Hideaway (since we do not meet those months). It was agreed we would not have an official Emeriti meeting. We were reminded that the September speaker at the Monday Night Dinner will be a celebration of the Centennial of Extension Service; the new Provost will provide the program at the October MND.

Vickie Sturgeon gave a rundown of the two discussion groups she is leading; Louise Schroeder will chair a group on pros and cons of going to a retirement home vs. staying at home. Zane Quible stated he had had requests for a discussion group on taking perfect pictures and another on negotiating a good deal on purchasing new car. He can’t schedule these until he has chairs.

Dennis Bertholf reported for Faculty Council. Since this was last meeting of year, it was mostly wrapping up. They heard a report from two Philosophy professors who want to establish a Global Village. President Hargis reported Deans and Provost positions have been filled.

Dave Lewis gave a report from the White Pony board meeting, which he attended. John Harned, President of Epworth, announced that Shane Shayrader is no long with Epworth at the Ranch since it was deemed he was a good fit. John also announced that Elaine Moo, from Spectrum (a marketing consulting firm), will be assisting Epworth in their sales effort. 78 families had made firm commitments to buy into Epworth at the Ranch as of May 8th (the day of the meeting). Target is 108. John is operating on a schedule to begin construction in October and occupancy 18 months after commence of construction. Also, John attempted to clear up some confusion. There is a $500 non-refundable deposit; 10% of cost of unit being purchased, with 90% of the cost of the unit due at the time of move-in. These fees in effect until shortly after construction is completed and then they will increase substantially. Discussion of “Life Care” followed. John repeatedly said the goal is to provide choices for residents of their facilities.

Ken Bell, representative to Faculty Committee reported the discussion at the last meeting included: 1) workload; 2) Retention document; 3) annual faculty appraisals now going to the Board of Regents; 4) Development and Performance review of University administrators.
Glade Presnal, representative for Technology group reported that Blane Mayfield will continue to head this group. Glade also reported for the Athletic Council, stating that Mike Holder said work on the soccer fields will begin soon, and Holder reported on progress of other projects.

Betty Rutledge gave a report for Jack Stout, Travel coordinator. The trip to the Bush Library on June 24th is sold out. On September 9, a trip is planned to a Gospel Fest at Moore Baptist Church, Moore, Oklahoma; among the presenters will be the Rankin Brothers. Then, November 12-14 is the Branson trip, seeing shows of Jonah, Texas Tenors, and 2 others not finalized as yet. On December 11th, a trip is planned to the Crown Dinner Theater in Wichita, Kansas, with the show being “Miracle on 34th Street”. Jack will have flyers on the tables at the Emeriti meeting in OKC next week. Another event Jack asked to be mentioned is a performance of Skylark, a professional choir from New York City, at the First Christian Church, Stillwater, at 8 p.m. this evening—cost $10 for seniors.

Zane and others planned a meeting with a representative from the NewsPress to discuss what they wanted in articles from the Emeriti; however, the NewsPres person did not show. Vickie mentioned several articles that have been in the News Press.

It was announced that OLLI membership reached 1,000 today. Ann Matoy shared some information about retirement and TIAA/CREF (with which we have a five year plan). Lower cost share has been negotiated. On November 5th, there will be a rollout of new investment opportunities. She asked what venues would retirees like to learn about? Any ideas or suggestions should be shared with Ann who will then see about scheduling meeting/s with Human Resources.

The next Emeriti Council meeting will be on Monday, August 25.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Rutledge, Secretary