COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Bertholf, Geneva Dugger, Betty Rutledge

COUNCIL MEMBERS AT-LARGE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS/REPRESENTATIVES: Andrea Arquitt, Sharon Brown, Jim Criswell, Ann Matoy, Sharon Nivens, Zane Quible, Vickie Sturgeon, Bob Terry, Clem Ward, Althea Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Smith and Russ Wright

Dennis Bertholf called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., asking for approval of the agenda as presented. There were no changes; agenda approved. Bob Terry moved the minutes be approved as presented; seconded and passed. Dennis welcomed Geneva Dugger back following back surgery and asked for her Treasurer’s report. Geneva reported a checkbook balance of $10,790.63. Clem Ward moved the report be approved; seconded and passed. There was discussion of the Monday Night Dinner. Council members felt the membership needs to be made aware of how their money is spent (25% of meal cost goes for gratuity and Alumni Center).

There was discussion on whether we need more credit cards. The President, Treasurer, and Office Secretary have had one. Kathy said that she would rather file for reimbursement than have a card. Decision was to not get more.

In the absence of Ed & Gladeen, Dennis reported the speaker for the November 3rd MND is Chris Steele, former Speaker of the House, on “Criminal Justice.” The December 1st MND will be at Meditations with the program being the High School Chorale.

Dennis reported from Faculty Council mentioning guns on campus; Civil Rights; student assessments. He mentioned PAC fund raising and that the PAC parking garage would be finished before starting on PAC; gave an update on building projects on campus.

Bob Terry reported on the Retirement and Fringe Benefits committee meeting. Recent ruling from the Supreme Court regarding same-sex partner benefits means there is no need for OSU to rewrite any related policies. He reported that the amount which can go into a flexible spending account will again decrease for 2015. The effect is, (it is believed) that difference ($1 million) will be going back into the system to help keep rates low. OSU has become self-insured, with Blue Cross/Blue Shield being the administrator for OSU’s health insurance plan. This saves $2.5 million/year. There will be no changes in Long-term Disability premiums or in supplemental life insurance premiums. Committee members felt that some type of fee waiver should be available for Spouse/children. Should you have questions regarding taxes/penalties associated with rolling over tax deferred funds to a self-directed brokerage account, please contact one of the three OSU TIAA-CREF Wealth Management advisors who are located in the Wicklow Complex presently. Appointments may be scheduled with these reps. The website is www.TIAA-CREF.ORG/OKSTATE. One may use this website to access details of personal accounts. The advisors may be reached by phone at (800) 842-2252. Sick Leave Sharing will continue to be explored.

Sharon Brown reported she has nine volunteers for game day. Fifteen to twenty volunteers will be needed to assist with the December OSU graduation ceremony.
OLD BUSINESS:

Vickie Sturgeon spoke of articles she would like to have in the Newsletter. Those articles should be submitted to Kathy Smith by Monday, November 3rd. Several agreed to submit articles.

Sharon Brown reported that the September MND actually cost $15.53; the October one cost $13.54; the November one will cost $16.19. There was lots of discussion about managing the costs. The Council is subsidizing the cost above the amount members are charged. Clem Ward stated that the membership needs to have these broken down costs so they could see what the evening actually costs. He suggested it go in the Newsletter. Russ and Betty Wright will be permanently helping with the Meet and Greet at the MND. Judy Lewis is having surgery today(?).

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis stated that Russ Wright has agreed to be President beginning in January; Ann Matoy will be President-Elect. Geneva’s 6-year term as Treasurer is ending. It was decided to review the Emeriti Constitution and Bylaws at the next Council meeting.

Zane Quible reported that The November 19th program at Making The Most of Retirement will be Rachel Palmer on “Low Impact Exercise”. December 17th, Bob Lowery will present “Getting Ready for Tax Aid and the History of Income Tax.” Louise Schroeder will discuss “Long Term Care Insurance on January 15. Zane reported that there had not been enough interest in conducting or attending the discussion groups. Vickie Sturgeon and Zane are serving as the Directors. Primrose Retirement Center has invited Vickie’s movie discussion group to hold a meeting in their movie theatre.

Jim Criswell suggested we have the “parking guru” in to discuss the parking situation as the campus building expands.

Bob Terry moved that the next Council meeting be on November 24th and there be no December Council meeting. The January dinner is cancelled; there will be a January 26th Council meeting.

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Rutledge, Secretary