OSU EMERITI ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Gladeen Allred, Ron Elliott, Ed Long, Betty Rutledge, Russ Wright

COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS/REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Dennis Bertholf, Dave Lewis, Judy Lewis, Ann Matoy, Sharon Nivens, Glade Presnal, Zane Quible, Bob Wettemann, Althea Wright

President Russ Wright called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Before approving the Agenda as printed, Scholarship Committee report was added to Member Reports. Althea Wright then moved the Agenda be approved; seconded and passed. The Secretary’s minutes of the August 31st meeting were approved. Treasurer Ron Elliott reviewed his report, showing a checking account balance of $10,193.55. He reported income from the September Monday Night Dinner was $2,237, with $2,078 being paid to Cherokee Strip for catering the meal. A bill from the Alumni Association has not been received to date, but it will (probably) be higher than normal. Dennis moved the report be accepted; seconded and passed.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Ed Long and Gladeen Allred, Vice Presidents for Programs reported that Jason Peek, Director of Stillwater Department of Transportation, will present the program on “All You Ever Wanted to Know About Transportation; the November speaker will be Terry White speaking on “Mental Health and Substance Abuse”; the December meeting will be at Meditations with Dana Ayres directing the High School Chorus in a program.

Russ reported on the Faculty Council meeting, stating there were lots of reports from various committees. President Hargis noted that funding for next year does not look good.

Sharon Nivens reported we have gained 35 new members this year, with 7 joining following the September meeting.

In the absence of ill Clem Ward, Ron Elliott presented the Scholarship Committee report. The OSU Foundation has a ruling that scholarships cannot be given the first year after formation. However, Ron pointed out that, by taking money from our various accounts, we could cover the first year award. There was discussion as to which accounts to use. The committee would like for a decision to made at the November Council meeting, so the scholarship could be funded in 2016. Input will be asked for at the October Monday Night Dinner.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: Constitution and Bylaws:

Dave Lewis reported he had received some of the job descriptions, but not all. These should be turned in as soon as possible—or the committee will start writing them. It was suggested that a permanent file should be kept in the office for future reference.
CONTINUING REPORTS:
The Emeriti Association Newsletter goes out twice a year. Russ will check with Misty, the new OLLI Administrative Assistant, who will serve as the Emeriti Secretary.
Ann Matoy had checked with HR and learned that the air ambulance is provided for OSU Emeriti if you have Blue Cross or are on Medicare. She also noted that the person in HR who handles retirees business is Amy Hoy. Ann will ask Amy to write an article regarding this matter for the Newsletter.
Russ Wright reported Klein’s will serve the October Monday Night Dinner.
Althea Wright and Judy Lewis reported they are set with the Meet and Greet session. Judy did mention that it would surely be nice if some others would assist or trade off with them during the Meet and Greet.
Sharon Nivens asked if it is correct that, if people join by September 1st or after, their dues are paid for the rest of that year and the following year. She was assured that is correct.
Ann Matoy will check with Mitch about Emeriti and the Student Union parking lot.
Russ stated that items for the October Update and the upcoming Newsletter need to go to Misty Burk. Sharon will assist her in preparing these documents.
Judy said that Diane Montgomery might be willing to do the Newsletter.

REPORTS OF DISCUSSION GROUPS/SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:
Russ reported that Jack Stout had mentioned that there will be a Branson Christmas trip planned.
Dennis reported the Investment Group still has some spots open. To join, one has to attend three meetings and there is a charge of $25.00/month which goes into that individual’s account.
Glade Presnal reported there were 15 at the first Technology group meeting of the fall. Glade also reported, at this time, from the Athletic Council. The new chair, Brenda Smith, has told Glade that she will see to it that Glade is able to be a voting member. Marilyn Middlebrook has mentioned that she would surely appreciate Emeriti members assisting in the work with the athletes.
Zane Quible reported on Making The Most of Retirement. He has visited with one of the owners of the local Craft Brewery, which is new to Stillwater. The owner has agreed to conduct a tour of the facilities. He also said that he has four Armchair Travel sessions in the works. They would be spaced out from February to September. Jim and Arleta Webster will be doing a program on their trip to Iceland; the first one will be in February, 2016 with Doug and Kathryn Aichele presenting a program on Sled Dogs—It’s All About the Dogs.

REPORTS FROM EMERITI REPRESENTATIVES ON FACULTY COUNCIL OR UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES:
Dave Lewis reported on the Research Committee. He said that Vice President for Research, Dr. Kenneth Sewell, stated he wants to expand the focus of his office to include tracking the impact of grants and contracts after they have been received as well as the getting of those grants and contracts. A discussion followed concerning undergraduate research, and how that could be facilitated, censured, and rewarded. Some on the committee outlined possible ways in which
faculty engagement in undergraduate research could be tracked and rewarded, primarily by its inclusion in A&Ds and recognition of its value by unit administrators.

Bob Wettemann said that there is progress being made on the tuition waiver for dependents of OSU faculty and staff (employed 75% or more).

NEW BUSINESS:
The new OLLI Administrative Assistant, Misty Burke, will be working from 8 to 1, Monday thru Thursday and, as mentioned before, she will serve as the Emeriti Secretary. Zane asked about the Emeriti e-mail policy for non-Emeriti business. It was agreed that anything to be sent would have to have the clearance of the Emeriti President before Misty could send it. And, Misty would be the one sending any e-mail to the Emeriti list.

Russ still has openings for Faculty Council or University committees, Russ asked if we should have a January dinner meeting. Gladeen moved we not have one; seconded and passed. There will be no December 28th Council meeting.

Zane reminded Councilors that OSU software has to be approved each year so, if you use University computer services, you need to have it renewed. Zane has been working through Marie Wolf. Zane also reminded us that the date on the Emeriti parking sticker has changed. Judy told of a celebration of life for Bill and Sharon Brown’s recently deceased granddaughter to be held on Sunday, October 4th at Click Hall at 2 p.m.

Next Council meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on October 26th. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Rutledge, Secretary