

**OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 24, 2025**

**Council Members Present:** Carolyn Gang, Mike Woods, Joyce Sherrer, Gary Clark, Becky Schlais, Liz Tarbutton, Sue Williams, Gerald Stangl, Gladeen Allred, Bob Levalley, Mike Lorenze, and Bob Graalman

**Staff:** Patricia Acurio

**Absent:** Ray Hunke, Kent Sampson, Judy Hoberock

**Call to Order:** President Carolyn Gang called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve January minutes by Gary Clark and a second by Gladeen Allred. Minutes were approved.

**President's Report:** President Carolyn Gang gave a brief report of the issues that occurred at last Monday Night Dinner. Cater did adjust bill due to issues. All had a great time and adjustments were made.

**President Elect Report:** President Elect Joyce Sherrer had no report at this time.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Liz Tarbutton provided the financial report. This was a preliminary report for January 30, 2025. Mike Woods moved to receive the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Gay Clark. The motion was approved. Liz informed Council that IRS Form 990 has been filed for Emeriti Council. Liz alerted Council that two CDs were maturing in March and would like guidance from Council on next steps. Discussion was had on the interest rates and length of time. Suggestion was made for 12 months at 4.15%. Due to the quick changing rates of CDs, motion was made by Sue Williams to give Treasurer discretion to make judgement on most favorable rates and length of time and second by Woods. Motion was approved. Liz also informed Council that banking institute does not provide free deposit slips and she would like to purchase them to help better manage financial documents. There was discussion and motion was made by Gary Clark to give Treasurer discretion to work with bank to come up with appropriate documents for deposit slips and second by Woods. Motion was approved. Treasurer also alerted Council that current credit card for Emeriti was under the name of past Treasurer and would like approval to close out. Liz worked with bank to get debit card that is tied to account. So, no reason to continue with credit card. Approval was given. Last item that Liz brought forward was the 2025 Proposed Operating Budget for Council to review. Mike Woods moved to receive the report. It was seconded by Gerold Stangl. It was approved.

**VP for Activities:** Gary Clark shared information on the upcoming Monday Night Dinner (MND) and presenter Chancellor Sean Burrage program on "The Future of Higher Ed in

Oklahoma”. He and Patricia believe numbers are on track for normal attendance. They will send final numbers to Bob Levalley this week so that he can work with caterer. Remaining program for Spring are set and Gary is finalizing Fall program. Carolyn will inform OLLI office about the change to May’s MND and that OLLI will have about 10 minutes to speak and no other responsibilities for the program.

**Past President's Report:** Past President Mike Woods had no report at this time.

**Membership Report:** Mike Lorenze informed Council members that annual dues are due. Emails will be sent out and reminder made at MND. Mike will share list with Liz so that she can remind people about dues. Mike requested council action on two individuals that have not paid dues. He would like approval to remove members due to nonpayment. He is going to email one last time, but no payments have been received for two years. Council approved members being removed. Mike also informed Council of two new members joining. One was lifetime member and other was annual. Mike did request that change be made on membership form to include the date when joined Association. It helps with record keeping. Gary Clark stated that he would make the change. New format for directory information was shared.

**OLLI Report:** Patricia Acurio gave brief update on OLLI. Position description for OLLI Director is at HR and has no updates yet. Robyn Davis has agreed to stay on longer to help since process has been delayed. There is still a learning curve in the office, but the transition is positive. Enrollment for OLLI classes are on track for Stillwater and Tulsa, low for Bartlesville. February weather issues caused cancellations and rescheduling is ongoing. There was discussion about the Emeriti Liaison to OLLI. Carolyn will reach out to Carol Schmitz and see if she will continue to be the liaison between OLLI and Emeriti.

**Announcements:** Sue Williams shared information about the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame and encouraged members to consider nominating individuals for next year. She gave some insight on the materials required for nomination and importance that work begin in preparation for next year.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Gladeen Allred to adjourn and was seconded by Gerald Stangl. Motion approved.