

## OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2024

1:30 Barnes Halligan Suite

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Mike Woods, Gary Sherrer, Carolyn Gang, Priscilla Gerfen, Becky Schlais, and Ron Miller

**Council Members Present:** Judy Hoberock, Ray Huhnke, Bob Levalley, Michael Lorenz, Kent Sampson, Carol Schmitz, Gerald Stangl, and Sue Williams

**Committee Chairs Present:**

**Emeriti Support Present:** Vacant

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mike Woods at 1:31 PM.

**Minutes:** It was moved (Sherrer) and seconded (Sampson) that the minutes of the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried.

### **President's Report:**

Due to severe weather concerns, May 6<sup>th</sup> dinner was cancelled and rescheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>. Mike Woods provided update on process that was used with change in schedule. All scheduled attendees of dinner were called and caterer was able to reschedule. There was a small loss due to decrease in number of attendees for the rescheduled dinner but acceptable due to potential safety concerns.

Mike stated the importance of having a plan in place for Council to be prepared in case this happens again. Ray Huhnke is working on document to help highlight considerations for Council that need to be taken into account when severe weather is possibility for an Emeriti event. More information will be forthcoming.

Mike thanked the committee representatives for summary reports that have been turned in. There was discussion on the importance of including Committee summaries to members to stay informed of what is happening on campus and potential impact for retirees. The Athletics, Health & Wellness Faculty Council Committee update was included in the May Newsletter and future committee summaries are planned.

Mike informed Council that there is no updated timeline on when Administrative Assistant position will be filled. The position has been about 15% (6 hours/week) for assistance to Emeriti Association and reports to OLLI.

Mike share exciting news that Bob Levalley will be working with Clem Ward to transition to the Catering and Reservations Coordinator.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron Miller prepared the May 2024 Treasurer's Report for Emeriti Council to review. There were no questions of submitted report and report was received. Treasurer did mention that additional meal payments and one expense were received as of today, so report will be updated with latest information.

Treasurer also alerted Council of upcoming maturing CD of \$4,000 on 7/2. Motion was made to put in short term CD, it was moved (Sherrer) and seconded (Gang). The motion carried.

There was discussion by Treasurer on Endowment funds and best options for consideration going forward for Council. It was recommended that a financial group be formed to review in detail all the options available for Council. Mike will work with Ron to form a small group to investigate financial options and report an update or recommendation to Council

**Past President's Report:** No report.

**Vice-President for Activities:** Priscilla gave quick overview of monthly speakers that have been confirmed.

June will be Doug Aichele, Iditarod judge and Gabbie, sled dog.

Fall program is being worked on and exciting programs planned.

**Safety Report:** Ray Huhnke presented Council safety considerations for scheduled events when severe weather was possibility. The considerations discussed pertained to postponing, rescheduling and/or canceling events. Council was supportive of developing guidelines for weather awareness. Kent Sampson agreed to collaborate with Ray to develop general policy/guidance in this area. Kent will report back at next Council meeting.

**Administrative Assistant Report:** No report

**Membership Report:** Mike Lorenz gave update on process for recruiting new retirees. Starting in June, he will work with HR to share information about Emeriti Association.

**Emeriti Database Discussion:** Mike Woods and Gary Clark have worked to make sure that we have access to Emeriti data. Gary has put all data in Access database and this has made it easier to pull information that is needed. This database will be used to communicate with members about dinners, renewals, etc.

There was discussion on long-terms needs of Council to have access to Emeriti data. Mike would like to have a system in place so that Executive Council gets updated data on quarterly basis. The vacancy of the Administrative Assistant has caused Council to realize that we do not have any access and potential issues that this could cause. Mike also continues to have conversations with OSU IT about access to the Emeriti email account.

**Announcements:** The next Monday Night Dinner will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fellowship gatherings will be held on July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup> at Hideaway. The next Council Meeting will be August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:47.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Schlais, Secretary

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