

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes Monday, November 25, 2024

Council Members Present: Mike Woods, Mike Lorenz, Gary Clark, Sue Williams, Carolyn Gang, Gerald Stangl, Bob Levalley, Carol Schmitz, Ron Miller, Gary Sherrer and Priscilla Gerfen

Call to Order: President Mike Woods called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Gary Sherrer and a second by Gary Clark. Minutes were approved.

President's Report: President Mike Woods gave a 2024 In Review. Two events were significant. First, the loss of our staff member, Sofia. Second, weather events for the Monday night dinners were highly unusual. What we learned: We need access to member databases at all times. We need access to the Alumni Center at all times. Safety is key for our members, and we are much better prepared for any future weather-related events. President Woods very much appreciated the help from all team members for Monday night dinners.

Teamwork and partnerships are critical to our organization's sustainability. We have important and valued ties to the Alumni Association (Ann Caine), OLLI (Robin Davis), the Provost Office (Denise Weaver), and OSU HR (Amy Hoy). These are institutional ties and also personal relationships with the individuals named.

Our Emeriti Council has gained a much better understanding of annual/monthly tasks and where we have the most need for professional staff assistance. Having an OSU employee assigned to our organization is important as we navigate various OSU online activities and other interactions where OSU employment is a requirement.

The issue of liability was brought up by Carolyn Gang. After some discussion, it was determined the Alumni Association would be liable in the event someone was hurt at the Alumni Center.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ron Miller gave an excellent detailed report concerning the financial condition of the Emeriti Association. (A written report was presented by Treasurer Miller for every area of the Emeriti Association finances) Gary Clark moved to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Carolyn Gang. The motion was approved.

Past President's Report: Past President Gary Sherrer thanked the council members for their help in securing the next slate of officers and council members for 2025. The new members were listed in the October 28, minutes. Priscilla Gerfen moved to accept the slate of new officers and council members. Sue Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

President Elect Report: President Elect Carolyn Gang had no report at this time.

VP for Activities: Activities VP Priscilla Gerfen, who has done an excellent job of presenting speakers and programs for the past year, announced that the Stillwater High School Choir will entertain the Emeriti Association members at the December 2nd dinner. Gerald Stangl moved that the Emeriti Association pay the choir \$200 for their entertainment. Carolyn Gang seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Calendar: The 2025, calendar for Monday night dinners and Emeriti Council meetings was presented by Bob LeValley. A motion to accept the respective dates was made by Carol Schmitz and seconded by Priscilla Gerfen. Motion carried. Monday night dinner dates are as follows: February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, (July 7 and August 4), at Hideaway Pizza,) September 8, October 6, November 3, and December 1. Council Meetings will be as follows: January 27, February 24, March 31, April 28, May 19, (No meeting in June or July), August 25, September 29, October 27, and November 24.

Mail List Data Base: Gary Clark, who has done a yeoman's job on the Emeriti Data Base, updated the council.

Membership Report: Mike Lorenz reported that there were no new members for this month.

OLLI Report: Carol Schmitz reported that the OLLI Officers have been in the process of hiring a staff member for OLLI/Emeriti Council. She reported that five candidates will be interviewed.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Ron Miller to adjourn and was seconded by Carol Schmitz. Motion approved.

Minutes Provided and Submitted by Gary Sherrer

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2025

President Carolyn Gang

President Elect Joyce Sherrer

Past President Mike Woods

VP Programs Gary Clark Three Year Term 2025-26-27

Treasurer Liz Tarbutton Three Year Term 2025-26-27

Second Term for Council Three Year Term 2025-26-27

Sue Williams *

Ray Huhnke *

First Term for Council Three Year Term 2025-26-27

Gladeen Allred

One year term to replace Gary Clark 2025

Robert Graalman

Council will vote on the slate at our November 25 meeting. Approved at Council Meeting.

Also:

Council Term Ends in 2025:

Bob Levalley

Robert Graalman

Mike Lorenz

Council Term Ends in 2026:

Gerald Stangl *

Judy Hoberock *

Kent Sampson

* Denotes councilor in his/her second consecutive term.