



James Madison University Staff Emeriti Association

Minutes – Jan. 17, 2023 (10:30 am, Wine Price Building, Conf. Rm 3030)

Attendees: Tina Updike, Alma Hale-Cooper, Kathy Sarver, Louise White, and Milla Sue Wisecarver.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting on Dec. 6, 2022 were unanimously approved. These will be posted to the SEA website.

Staff Emeriti membership:

- **Member Update:** 1 new member to date in 2023.
- **Supervisor Letter (with information on the staff emeriti designation process):** Will be sent in February.
- **Madison Magazine:** Latest issue has not yet been published. (**Note:** published January 19)
- **Website:** Kathy Sarver, Director of Planned Giving will be added to the Steering Committee listing as the Development representative. Tina will make updates to the “Greetings” message and forward to Amanda Thomas for posting. Problems with the Photo Gallery will be discussed with IT and Amanda Thomas again.

Volunteer activity:

- **Food Pantry/Clothes Closet:** Committee discussed how to inform the membership about the SEA initiative to support The Pantry at JMU. Kathy Sarver will work on composing an email to send to the membership. She will contact Jeremy Hawkins, Director of The Pantry for links and a video to include in the SEA email. We will solicit donations (items or monetary contributions) from the SEA membership at events throughout the year.

Tracking the donations will be important in assessing the success of this initiative.

Membership development:

- Dec. 13 Holiday luncheon at Cross Keys Vineyard was attended by 46 members, guests and admin representative, with three no-shows.
- Jan. 13, tour of The Union and The Pantry at JMU followed by lunch at Panera in Dukes Dining; attended by 20 (15 members, 4 guests, 1 administrator).
- Feb. 16, JMU Percussion Ensemble performance at the Forbes Center: SEA members will be offered two complimentary tickets to the event.
- Spring break week, March 13-16, Louise will make arrangements with AUBC Director Curtis Stoneberger for a tour of the Atlantic Union Bank Center and Alma will work with Vinny's Italian Grill & Pizzeria about hosting our luncheon there following the tour. (**Note:** the tour and lunch will be held March 14)
- Possible future tours: X-Labs (contact Nick Swain); downtown walking tour with Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance; Bridgeforth Stadium; Forbes Center; Student Success Center; UREC; Rose Library; Duke Hall (fine arts); Convocation Center (fall 2023 after renovation); Carrier Library (2025 after renovation)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. in Wine Price, room 3030.