



## James Madison University Staff Emeriti Association

**Minutes – Jan. 23, 2024** (10:30 am, Wine Price conference room 3030)

**Attendees:** Tina Updike, Rosemary Brenner, Donna Burch, Alma Hale-Cooper, Judy Marshall, Gail May, Judy Powell, Kathy Sarver, Louise White, and Milla Sue Wisecarver.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting on Nov. 21, 2023 were unanimously approved. These will be posted to the SEA website.

### **Business:**

- **Member Update:** 6 new members since the last Steering Committee meeting in November 2023.
- **UVa Request:** Information on the organization was sent to a member of the UVa Staff Senate Advocacy Committee in response to a December 2023 request, as UVa seeks to establish a staff emeritus organization.
- **Increase awareness:** Updates to website continue to be sent to Amanda Thomas in HR. Supervisor letter: Tina will check with HR about when that will be sent. Madison Magazine article for Spring issue has been submitted, includes information on The Pantry initiative. Annual Report has been prepared and committee members have reviewed and approved it.
- **Volunteer activity, Food Pantry:** Through January 2024 \$2,830 and 50 pounds of supplies have been donated by SEA members. The committee voted to continue the project through 2024 and then re-evaluate. An email about The Pantry initiative will be sent to SEA members on Jan. 29.
- **Membership development:** Recent: Nov. 29, 2023 Holiday luncheon (45 including guests), Jan. 8, 2024 Convocation Center tour followed by lunch at Taste of Thai (25 on tour, 21 at lunch – including guests). Upcoming: Feb. 21 lunch at Romano's; March 12 (March 13 snow date) tour of Bridgeforth/APC followed by lunch at El Charro.
- **Plans for spring:** Will invite JMU Vice President for Administration and Finance, Towana Moore, to speak at a luncheon the week of May 13 or May

20. April luncheon site TBA; we will look at the downtown parking situation to assess if a downtown location is feasible.

- **Future event possibilities:** Additions to our working list of possible events, we will add (1) Dynamic Aviation tour and (2) Bridgewater Retirement Community luncheon site. We will continue to take the summer off and not plan events for June – August.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 5, 10:30 am at Wine Price Conference Room 3030. In case of inclement weather, we will meet following the March 12 SEA tour/luncheon.