



## **James Madison University Staff Emeriti Association**

**Minutes – March 21, 2023** (10:30 am, Wine Price Building, Conf. Rm 3030)

**Attendees:** Tina Updike, Rosemary Brenner, Norma Burkholder, Alma Hale-Cooper, Gail May, Kathy Sarver, Louise White, and Milla Sue Wisecarver.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the meeting on Jan. 17, 2023 were unanimously approved. These will be posted to the SEA website.

### **Staff Emeriti membership:**

- **Member Update:** 5 new members since Jan. 17.
- **Supervisor Letter (with information on the staff emeriti designation process):** Was sent March 13, will be sent again in November.
- **Madison Magazine:** Photos and article on SEA in winter issue, page 56. Article written and submitted for the Spring/Summer issue, publication date TBA.
- **Annual Report:** Sent to HR Director Chuck Flick, JMU President Alger, JMU Chief of Staff Mike Davis; received a positive reply from President Alger. Link to report will be sent to SEA in March 27 email.
- **Carrier Library:** “Close the Doors” event is scheduled for May 11, before extensive renovations to the library. SEA members will receive email invitations to the event and will have the chance to walk through the building one last time before renovation.
- **SEA Website:** Amanda Thomas in JMU HR has updated the website with events, annual report, pantry initiative. The welcome letter will be revised to include the pantry initiative

## **Volunteer activity:**

- **Food Pantry/Clothes Closet:** We have begun to accept donations at SEA events. Monetary donations at events must be made by personal check. We will track physical donations by weighing them, and Kathy Sarver will track monetary donations. We will continue to publicize pantry information in emails to SEA. We are considering a “back to school” drive in late summer to collect school supplies for the pantry. A Steering Committee member will handle collections at each event.

## **Membership development:**

- An email was sent notifying members of women’s basketball Feb. 9 Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day.
- Feb. 16, JMU Percussion Ensemble performance at the Forbes Center: SEA members were offered two complimentary tickets to the event. 6 accepted, 3 of those cancelled, and there was 1 no-show. Total attendees: 2 SEA members and 2 guests.
- March 14, Atlantic Union Bank Center tour led by Chase Bailey followed by lunch at Vinny’s Pizzeria. AUBC tour 32 attendees, lunch 33 attendees, 16 regrets/cancellations.
- Next event: April 18 “dutch treat” luncheon at El Charro, Harrisonburg.
- Possible May event: annual membership luncheon with the President’s Address, date TBA, held in the Montpelier room of E-Hall. Tina will first contact HR for funding for the lunch. Then contact the President’s Office for Jon Alger’s availability. If he is unable to speak, VP Towana Moore, will be contacted.
- Possible future event: a “bring your own lunch” at a picnic shelter.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.