

James Madison University Staff Emeriti Association
Minutes
August 19, 2025 (11:00 am-1:00 pm, Casa Gallardo #2)

Attendees: Tina Updike, Donna Burch, Jackie Ciccone, Judy Marshall, Kathy Sarver, Paula See, Kathy Starick, Milla Sue Wisecarver. Tina welcomed new members Jackie Ciccone and Kathy Starick.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the meeting on March 25, 2025 were unanimously approved. These will be posted to the SEA website.

Business:

- **Membership Update:** We have added 8 new members since the last Steering Committee Meeting in March totaling 21 new members in 2025. The total membership is 343.
- **Increase Awareness:**
 - Tina Updike has updated the website with a new opening photo and new welcome message. She also submitted an article for the fall issue of the Madison Magazine highlighting the annual spring luncheon.
 - The 2024 Annual Report with an accompanying letter has been sent to Interim President Charlie King, Chief of Staff President's Office David Kirkpatrick, VP Towana Moore, Interim Provost Bob Kolvoord, VP Tim Miller, and HR Director Chuck Flick. All administrators have responded. Tina thanked interim President Charlie King for a successful year and welcomed President James Schmidt. President Schmidt asked to attend an upcoming activity. We look forward to his attendance.
 - The 2025 Retirees Brunch will be held on December 3rd from 9:30-11:00 am. Tina will speak and has asked for other committee members to attend.
- **Volunteer Activity:** A total of \$8,605 has been collected for the Food Pantry since February 2023. From July 2024-May 2025, there have been 26 donors and 90 gifts totaling \$3,240 for the adopted project. Checks will continue to be collected at each SEA event.
- **Membership Development:** The April lunch at Casa Gallardo #2 had a total attendance of 24 members and 1 guest. At the May luncheon, there were 36 members, 10 guests and 3 administrators in attendance. Overall, there has been a good response to our activities.

- **Fall Events:** Tentative plans for the fall are as follows.
 - In September, a luncheon at Ledo's Pizza is planned on the 16th or 18th at 11:30 am. Donna Burch will contact Ledo's Pizza.
 - In October, plans are to tour Potomac Hall on the 22nd or 23rd from 10:30-11:30 am with lunch afterwards at Taste of Thai. Kathy Sarver will check to see whether or not we are able to tour Potomac Hall and Judy Marshall will contact Taste of Thai.
 - No activity is being planned for November at this time.
 - In December, Donna Burch will check to see whether or not we can attend the Christmas Star program at the Planetarium on the 2nd, 4th or 5th. If so, Judy Marshall will contact Hotel Madison about scheduling a social afterwards. If this isn't feasible, Judy will check with Tassi Pippert about scheduling a holiday lunch at Hotel Madison. If we are unable to go to Hotel Madison, it was suggested that we check into going to the Chop House for an early dinner.
- **Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 15, 2026, 10:30 am-12:00 noon in the Wine Price Conference Room 3030.