



James Madison University Staff Emeriti Association

Minutes – November 27, 2018 (9:00 am, Wine Price Building, Conference Rm 3030)

Attendees: Tina Updike, Jane Beach, Norma Burkholder, Alma Hale-Cooper, Gail May, Milla Sue Wisecarver, and Kathy Sarver.

Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2018 meeting.

- Minutes from the meeting on September 25, 2018 were unanimously approved. These will be posted to the SEA website.

Staff Emeriti membership (Tina and Milla Sue):

- Tina updated the list of HR Support Tasks: Reagan Neese, who replaced Lisa Hajdasz, is handling updates to our SEA website. He has posted the December Holiday Gala invitation, photos from our events will be posted, and the minutes approved today will be posted.
- Tiffany French, HR retirement specialist confirmed that 4 new staff retirees received the emeriti designation since August.
Gail to contact Joanne Sherman
Milla Sue to contact Victoria Nuckols
Kathy to contact Bill Posey, Debbie Pine
- Human Resources has been researching potential past retirees who may be eligible for emeritus status, including the names that our committee has forwarded.

- Tina requested that HR send the bi-annual email encouraging supervisors to nominate eligible retiring employees for the emeriti designation in November. The email was sent out.

Goal #3: Increase awareness: (Tina):

- Tina met with LLI Director Rodney Wolfenbarger. The discussion centered on how the two organizations can benefit each other. Rodney agreed to having a reciprocal link to the SEA website on the LLI site. He responded positively to attend an upcoming SEA luncheon early in 2019 to speak about LLI. They also discussed inviting SEA members to a LLI Brown Bag luncheon, one that is of interest to SEA members, and the SEA attendees would be recognized during the event. A final idea is to offer a voucher for a free class to SEA members who join LLI. Rodney will pursue this proposal with the LLI Board.

The SEA website is now up to date.

- Tina will send upcoming luncheon information to Reagan for posting.

Goal #1: Membership development: (Tina, Milla Sue and Jane):

- **October and November lunches, Faculty-Staff Appreciation Day**

Jane reported that the October lunch at Thomas House was well attended and the November lunch and tour at Hotel Madison was a big hit. Pictures have been posted on the website.

Milla Sue reported that few took advantage of the free ticket offer for the November 10 football game, and only Milla Sue attended. The F-S Appreciation games for basketball are both in December. SEA will not attempt to organize anything for those games but may do so next season.

- **Possible Future Events**

Ideas discussed were:

1. Tour of the new D-Hall. Milla Sue will check with Aramark as to whether D-Hall is open the week after May graduation.
2. Invite President Alger to speak on the “State of the University” at a luncheon in May. Tina will contact the President’s Office to get a date on the calendar.
3. Mini golf has been mentioned by several SEA members as a fun activity for spring or summer.

4. Jane spoke with a representative of Rockingham County Parks & Recreation and SEA could do a bus trip with them. We must guarantee a minimum of eight participants and a maximum of 14. Money transactions would go through Parks & Recreation, which is a plus. Jane will research possible trips (e.g., dinner theater) within a two-hour radius.
5. LLI Brown Bag Luncheons for spring will be announced in January. Will choose one for the SEA event noted above.
6. Kathy Sarver will check on the date of "lifetime fitness" program offered by the Morrison-Bruce Center and whether SEA members might be able to participate.
7. Milla Sue will follow-up with Sprint on the Smart Phone 101 workshops for early 2019.

Goal #2: Volunteer activity: (Tina):

Volunteer activities will resume in 2019 with the CHOICES event in spring and Employee Appreciation Day in May. Tina reported that the United Way "Day of Caring" has been moved from their usual date in May to September 25 in 2019. This might be another SEA volunteer opportunity.

Other Business:

Tina will write a draft of our 2018 annual report for discussion/approval at our January committee meeting.

As suggested by the committee members, Tina will contact Barbara Monger, Suzann Meyerhoeffer, Louise White, Patsy Fulk and Rosemary Brenner about joining the steering committee for 2019.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Wine Price Bldg, conference room 3030.