



James Madison University Staff Emeriti Association

Minutes – November 21, 2023 (1:00 pm, O’Neill’s Grill)

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on August 15, 2023 were unanimously approved. These will be posted to the SEA website.

Business:

- **Member Update:** 18 new members in 2023, including four since the last Steering Committee meeting in August.
- **Football Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day** Football link to order tickets was supplied by Athletics Ticketing so that either JMU or alternate email addresses could be used. Women’s basketball Faculty/Staff appreciation day was Nov. 19, men’s basketball is Nov. 29. It was decided there was not enough time to obtain a link from Athletics Ticketing for the men’s basketball game and communicate that to SEA members.
- **Deletion of Staff Emeriti e-IDs (unused addresses).** There are 36 SEA members whose JMU emails have been removed from the system due to not being used for a period of one year. Julie Byers from HR will check for deceased members on that list. Perhaps Julie or Kathy Sarver will be able to provide alternate emails. Milla Sue will update the Excel spreadsheet of SEA members, changing the email entry for the 36 to “Removed.”
- **Increase awareness:** Updates to website (Food Pantry, events, new Greetings message) were sent to Amanda Thomas and are now on the website. Supervisor letter, which has been sent in November, will likely be sent in January 2024, since a large number of bulk emails are sent out in the fall. Madison Magazine article for Fall issue was published and is on page 73.

- **Retirement Brunch for 2023 retirees:** Rosemary, Tina, Judy and Gail went to November 14 Retirement Banquet. Nine retirees were not SEA members, but most of those didn't qualify for SEA status, and another wasn't interested. Tina gave a welcoming talk, which included information about SEA events and the pantry initiative.
- **Volunteer activity, Food Pantry:** As of November 14, \$2,030 and 50 pounds of supplies have been donated by SEA members. Donations were collected at the September and October SEA events and will be collected at the November 29 SEA event. Tina will contact Kathy Sarver for information, e.g., what are the total donations to the food pantry compared to ours, to help us decide whether to continue the initiative.
- **Membership development:** September lunch at Cracked Pillar (28 SEA members and 1 guest attended, 13 RSVP'd regrets, \$310 and 18 lbs of items were collected for the pantry). October tour at Lisanby Museum and Gallery (20 attendees) with lunch at O'Neill's. (26 attendees). Overall there were 25 members and 5 guests, 15 RSVP'd regrets, \$220 donation plus several items collected for the pantry. Final planning for November 29 Holiday lunch at Cross Keys Vineyard (set-up at 10:50 am). Currently 50 to attend, 41 members and 9 guests. Tina has provided information to Cross Keys on everyone's meal orders.

Future Events:

- **Plans for spring (January – March):** January 8-12 Tour of Convocation Center. Donna will contact Ty Phillips about possible dates and will also ask about tours of Bridgeforth and the Plecker Center and optimal times to visit, hopefully during spring break (March 11-14). Judy Marshall will contact the restaurant (Taste of Thai, backup choice El Charro) once we know the date for January tour. Louise will contact Romano's for luncheon with choice of dates February 19, 21, 22, 23.
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 23, 10:30 am at Wine Price Conference Room 3030. The snow date is January 30.