



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

**Minutes – February 25, 2020** (9:00 am, Wine Price Building, Conf. Rm 3030)

**Attendees:** Tina Updike, Jane Beach, Rosemary Brenner, Alma Hale-Cooper, Barbara Monger, Louise White, Milla Sue Wisecarver and Kathy Sarver.

### **Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2020 meeting.**

Minutes from the meeting on January 14, 2020 were unanimously approved. These will be posted to the SEA website.

### **Staff Emeriti membership:**

New members since last meeting:

Jan Robertson (12/31/19),

Mary Ann Abbott (1/24/20)

Mary Ann Rodarmel (4/24/19)

Milla Sue will check with Sherry Summers about possible membership.

New staff emeriti retirees in the coming months; “Welcome” packets will be mailed closer to their retirement dates:

Lowell Brent Miller: 3/24

Robert Shanholtz: 3/24

Aldine Cabbage: 3/24

### **Increase awareness:**

The SEA website has been updated with a new “Welcome” letter from the SEA Chair, agendas, minutes, etc. We continue to have a problem accessing our event photos on some devices. Milla Sue will check with the Help Desk during Spring Break week to discuss the issue. Our big web browser issue is with Chrome. Our article for the Madison Magazine spring/summer copy was prepared and submitted for publication. Our Annual Report was sent to Chuck Flick and Amanda; the document has been posted on the SEA website. Tina asked Chuck Flick to forward

to senior leadership, if appropriate. Tina also sent an email to Mike Davis, Asst. to the President, with a link to the annual report, noting our accomplishments, etc. She received a positive response and Mike indicated that he would share with others in leadership.

**Volunteer activity:**

Milla Sue and Norma volunteered to coordinate CHOICES April 6. Milla Sue will send out an email for volunteers in mid-March. Barbara Monger and Nancy Dove have already volunteered. Milla Sue will call Nancy Dove and offer her transportation. Tina will bring materials to March 12 lunch, such as signage, decorations, and candy dishes. Employee Appreciation Day is Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and the Community Service Fair is 11 am-2 pm. Tina will register SEA to participate in the CS Fair.

**Membership development:**

Our February luncheon at Rocktown Kitchen was well attended, but lack of proximity parking was an issue. Milla Sue will make a note on our restaurant database about issues such as this. The March 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon is scheduled to meet at Wood Grill Buffet; however, a private room is not available due to a large civic group that meets that day, so we will be in a designated area of the main dining room. The luncheon will be followed by a guided tour of Jennings Hall at 1:30 pm. **(NOTE: Due to Coronavirus concerns, the lunch venue was moved to O'Neill's Grill. The morning of March 12<sup>th</sup> the tour of Jennings Hall was cancelled by JMU administration for the same health concerns.)**

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> we will meet at Romano's Italian Bistro in McGaheysville. On May 27<sup>th</sup> the President's address and luncheon at E-Hall in the Montpelier room is confirmed. We are working with Aramark catering on the menu. Prior to the luncheon and address, the event will begin with a reception in the upstairs lobby of E-Hall. At the end of the event, a raffle of door prizes will be held.

The Mineral Museum is moving to Festival. Grand opening will be April 17. Visiting this museum is a possible future SEA event. Kathy will find out if the museum will be open, for the Wednesday, August 12th luncheon. The program committee is looking at combining June and July luncheons due to the late May luncheon date. It was decided to plan an afternoon mini golf outing in Bridgewater and then go to Francesco's Italian restaurant for dinner on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Future luncheon dates for the remainder of 2020 and the beginning of 2021:  
Tuesday, June 23 (combining June/July)

Wednesday, Aug. 12  
Thursday, Sept. 10  
Friday, Oct. 9  
Monday, Nov. 9  
Tuesday, Dec. 8  
Wednesday, Jan. 13  
Thursday, Feb. 11

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Wine Price Bldg., conf. room 3030.

**NOTE: Due to the Covid-19 health crisis, on March 23, 2020, the SEA Steering Committee unanimously voted to suspend all future events, activities and meetings until further notice in accordance with the mandates by President Jonathan Alger and Virginia Governor Ralph Northam. When it is safe to hold meetings and gatherings again, the SEA Steering Committee will plan and announce the events to the membership.**