



James Madison University Staff Emeriti Association

Minutes – August 20, 2024 (11:30 am O’Neill’s Grill)

Attendees: Tina Updike, Donna Burch, Alma Hale-Cooper, Judy Marshall, Judy Powell, Kathy Sarver, Paula See, Louise White and Milla Sue Wisecarver.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 21, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved. These will be posted to the SEA website.

Business:

Member Update: Tina welcomed new member Paula See to the SEA Steering Committee. She also thanked Milla Sue Wisecarver for serving as the secretary for 8 years. She also reminded everyone that Gail May and Rosemary Brenner ended their terms of office at the end of our last committee meeting.

There are 10 new SEA members since the last Steering Committee meeting in May 2024. Total membership is 323 (321 with 2 deaths).

Kathy Sarver ordered SEA decals for all members. These will be given out to members at all SEA events. Ideas for further distribution of the decals will be discussed.

Increase Awareness Plans: Updates to website for the past year have been posted. Madison Magazine article has been submitted including information on the Food Pantry Project and pictures from our latest events. SEA will be represented at the JMU Retirement Fair on October 16. Committee members will host the table answering questions about the Association working in 2-hour shifts: 9-11 Judy P., Tina; 11-1 Donna, Louise; 1-3 Alma, Paula; 3-4:30 Judy M., Tina.

Volunteer Activity: Last year, the SEA members contributed \$4,390 and over 50 pounds of food/school supplies to the Food Pantry project. We will continue to support this project and reminded the members of the need.

Steering Committee Structure: Delegate some duties for the coming year – Donna Burch and Louise White volunteered to share the secretary duties. Tina requested some assistance with membership, food pantry and events. Judy Marshall will take care of sending cards to members as appropriate. Please be thinking of possibilities of new members for this and next year.

Membership development: The Annual Membership luncheon was held on June 6 in the Montpelier Room, E-Hall. 35 members, 7 guests and 2 administrators attended. Towana Moore, VP for Administration and Finance, spoke to the group.

Fall Events: Planned events so far include a luncheon at 11:30 am on September 12 at the Cracked Pillar in Bridgewater. The invitation will go out Monday, August 26 followed with a reminder September 3.

Louise White will check with Cross Keys about our Holiday Luncheon on either Wednesday, December 4 or Friday, December 6. Judy Powell will check with Smiley's Ice cream for an ice cream social and possibly a tour/talk on either Friday, October 11 or Tuesday, October 15.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 19 at 10:30 am at Wine Price Conference Room 3030.