

Southern Oregon University Retirees Association  
Council Meeting Minutes (Approved 4/18/12)  
January 11, 2012

President Jim Dean called the meeting to order at 3:03pm. Present were Jim Dean, Don Reynolds, Barbara Irvin, Jerry Insley, Sally Klein, Lodi Belford, Pat Wolfe, Bruce Moats, Gene Stringer, Don Graber, Wayne Schumacher, David Hoffman, Bev DeLaZerda, Sue Corp, Tom Pyle, Pete Belcastro.

#### Last Meeting's Minutes

A motion (Jerry/Dave) to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting (October 12, 2011) passed unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

Lodi reported the current financial status of the organization in her written report. Membership Totals: \$2,030, Scholarship: \$2,079, Newsletter: \$913, Luncheon: \$560, for a total income \$5,587.

Total expenditures were \$909.57 (Office Supplies: \$19, Duplicating/Newsletter: \$201.25, Fall Luncheon Expense: \$689.32).

Balance on hand in the account: \$4,677.43

Sally reported that 62 attended the luncheon including the "Old Time Fiddlers" musician guests.

#### Old Business

##### Results of Members' Survey on Benefits

Sue reported that the committee (Sue, Barbara Pat) summarized the survey results in chart form which was sent in a recent email to the Council. It is a complicated chart matrix including individuals' written comments. Basically the benefits most important to the membership are campus parking permit, ID card, library privileges, and bookstore discount. There was some interest in keeping one's SOU email account and discounts for Performing Arts and athletic event, but these are already available to retirees (although there have been some confusing scenarios involved.)

The follow up meeting with the administration (Cullinan, Klein, Morris) takes place tomorrow (Jan 12) and Jim, Jerry, and Sue will attend.

A free-ranging discussion about tomorrow's meeting included the following:

Jim mentioned a possible precedent in parking with Friends of the Library.

Jerry commented that among the institutions surveyed last year, only SOU differentiates between retired faculty and retired staff regarding benefits. Tom (I think) noted that when retirees are on campus, it is more than likely because they are providing some service to the University. Other comments: might the Retirees Association help subsidize the cost of parking permits? Why not offer to pay the actual cost of providing parking permits to the membership? Belinda, the parking enforcement officer, has said she would be fine with whatever type of parking permit is approved and utilized, and that she already monitors several different 'systems'. It was unknown the actual cost of parking permits, but Bruce thought it was \$45 for an annual permit, and \$24 for replacements. Jim wondered about the Association purchasing a certain number of permits to be used during events? Would it help to present a mock-up of an ID card for administration review? At the meeting, Jim, Jerry, and Sue will focus on the top 5(?) benefits of most interest. It was the consensus of the Council that when ID cards come to be, a listing of the privileges should be imprinted thereon to avoid confusion.

## New Business

### February Luncheon

Jim reported that Ron Brown will be the speaker at the February 24, 2012 Luncheon. Will he need any AV equipment?

The setup (sign-in, money collection, scholarship table, etc) worked well last time, and Jim asked for volunteers to handle the posts for next time. Wayne said he would be in Seattle, so Pat agreed to take the 'out front/sign-in' position. Those who will help and report to the SU by 11 am are Sally, Pat, Barbara, and Lodi.

### Luncheon Menu

Sally is working with SODEXO on the menu. She is trying to stay in the \$8.99 range, which worked well last time as most of the luncheon costs were covered by the \$10 charge.

### Other

- Dave (and others) were very impressed with the recent President's Report. It represents SOU very positively. Along this line, the SOU website improvements have been noticed and appreciated.
- Wayne suggested adding a presentation on "The State of Jefferson" to the list of potential luncheon speaker topics.
- Jim suggested the Spring luncheon focus might be less formal than in the past, perhaps having a retired faculty member speak to his/her SOU experience and what it means and has meant.
- Jim announced that it was time to pull together a nominating committee to identify potential candidates to replace those Council members who are ending their three year terms. Jim will be focusing on identifying a committee soon.
- Sally reported that there may be a change in the campus's duplicating services department. There is some talk about contracting out those services.

A motion to adjourn (Jerry/Dave) was approved at 3:47pm

### Mark your calendars:

Future Council Meeting Dates (All Wednesdays @ 3:00 or 3:15 pm.)

Proposed: February 15, April 18, May 9, June 13.

### Luncheon Dates:

Friday, February 24, 2012

Friday, May 25, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Schumacher

January 15, 2012