

**MARY WASHINGTON ELDERSTUDY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (GMM)
UMW STAFFORD CAMPUS, SOUTH BUILDING
ROOM 210 (SC201S - LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTER)
October 19, 2016**

The Mary Washington ElderStudy (ES) General Membership Meeting was held in the UMW Stafford Campus South Building, Room 210, on October 19, 2016. There were 33 people in attendance. President Mel Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. after John Thompson announced a quorum present. Mel welcomed attendees, guests and new members.

John Thompson moved that the March 16, 2016 GMM minutes be adopted as posted on the ES Website. Jack Sulima seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee (AC), John Thompson, read Barbara Barrett's report. John informed the members present of the functions and duties of the AC. It develops policies and plans for the operating of ES. It reviews and updates the Policy and Procedures Document in conjunction with other ES Committees and it monitors the finances, develops the annual budget and makes recommendations for annual fees. The AC meets quarterly in advance of Board Meetings. At the recent September 13th meeting, minor changes on six pages of the P&P were made. This was savings, because instead of reprinting the entire document only the changed pages were printed.

Curriculum Committee (CC), Chuck Johnson, Chair. Chuck entertained the attendees with a few humorous stories. He then acknowledged and thanked members of the CC for successful programs this fall. The committee has put together various sessions, with 40 sessions per semester. We have an average of two classes per week, with Tuesdays and Thursdays being the primary days for classes. Over a 20 year period, we have had 1,600 classes, an incredible number! We depend on the availability of speakers, and build our schedule around these speakers. Ideas by membership are always welcome and everyone is considered a member of the Curriculum Committee.

Membership Committee (MC), Donna Lewis, Chair. Donna acknowledged the MC members present for all the work they do. The membership roster is completed, any later changes can be sent to Donna. We have five newsletters per year, they are online at our website and if requested, they can be mailed to members. Our upcoming social event is our holiday party at Lake of the Woods on December 1st. Reservations are needed by November 22nd.

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All members are encouraged to enroll new people, please invite neighbors and friends to our programs. Temporary name tags are now sent out with the welcome packet, the permanent name tags will be available to be picked up by new members when they come to a program. The Membership Committee also reaches out to members who are ill, get well cards are sent out. Many thanks to Alan Zirkle for the new white board in the classroom. It provides another area for information about ElderStudy. Connie Brady is now maintaining the bulletin board.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Thompson announced that ES has sufficient income from Membership fees to cover expenses and scholarships. Excess funds are due to new members. Wells Fargo is working on the problem of unauthorized withdrawals from our checking account. Bryn Park will be the new Treasurer, starting in January 2017.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Rhoads Scholar survey approved by the President,

OPEN FORUM:

- Status of the Fire Marshall. John Thompson has received no feedback yet.
- President brought up UMW contact.
- Marge M., HFFI has Candlelight tour tickets for a discount to ES members. Cost is \$15.00 instead of \$20.00.
- Joan Bitely has lost a gold hoop earring.
- ISIS class has been rescheduled for February 8th.
- Anne McGrath, PA system only has 1 speaker, we need an extra one. Speaker has to pass the mike around.
- The Book Group has the entire list of books for 2016-2017 on the website.

Adjournment: 10:29 a.m.

Peggy A Verdine, Secretary

Date Approves: