

Mary Washington ElderStudy
Membership Committee Minutes
Wednesday, November 29, 2017

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Call to Order: Jack Sulima called the meeting to order at 11:00

Present: Joe Alfred, Michelle Esbenshade, Peggy Gratz, Peggy Johnson, Eugenia Jones, Dottie Meyers, Carolyn Sulima, Chuck Watkins, Alan Zirkle.

Approval of Minutes from August 30, 2017: A motion was made by Michelle Esbenshade to approved the minutes. Joe Alfred seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Re-enrollment: Thanks to Peggy Gratz, Michelle Esbenshade, Dottie Myers, Peggy Verdine and Donna Lewis who made personal reminder phone calls to all current members who had not renewed their memberships. We have had 240 renewals this year.

Bookkeeping: Send any receipts for expenses to Bryn Pavik and let Donna Lewis know the amounts.

Voice Mail: Connie Brady has volunteered to check our voice mail weekly.

Membership Roster: Jack Sulima reported that we have 48 new members and a total of 288 members to date. This is at the same level as last year. Alan Zirkle stated that the November Roster on the website is the most current one. The roster is updated once a month.

Newsletter: The December Newsletter will be out this week. Paper copies are being sent to 46 people. Dottie Myers will send a copy to Chuck Watkins to be posted on the website. The deadline for the February Newsletter is January 20. The February Newsletter will include the Spring Curriculum.

Outreach/Publicity/Rack Cards: We will be ordering new Rack Cards. There was a consensus that Wednesday should be added to the days that classes meet.

Remembrances: Peggy Gratz sent Get Well Cards to the following people: Peggy Johnson, Dottie Myers, Peggy Lundry, Nancy Hansen, Janet Wishner.

Name Tags/Reservations: The supply of lanyards for the name tags is low. Lanyards have been ordered from Ryder Engraving.

Holiday Luncheon - Plans for the Holiday Luncheon have fallen into place. It will be held on Thursday, December 7 at the Gari Melchers Studio and Pavilion. There will be 114 people attending the Luncheon, the highest level in recent years. Unfortunately, the entertainment that was scheduled to perform had to cancel. The Stafford Regional Handbell Society will be providing holiday music instead.

Website: Chuck Watkins requested that any photos of ElderStudy outings be sent to him for posting on the website.

25TH ANNIVERSARY:

The following events will take place at the Holiday Luncheon: Before lunch, a Congratulatory Message from Dr. Paino, UMW President, will be shown. And a video interview with Charter Member Peggy Johnson will be shown. Joe Alfred has put together a two part slide show celebrating the past 25 years. Version One will run during the social time. A 25 Year Anniversary Cake will be served.

Michelle Esbenshade has volunteered to work with Peggy Johnson and others to identify charter members and send out invitations to the Spring Luncheon.

We have received a Proclamation from the Governor, which will be read at the March General Membership Meeting. Dottie Myers volunteered to have the Proclamation framed and hung in the classroom.

Carolyn Sulima looked into purchasing “25 Years” pins for our lanyards. The consensus was to instead purchase “25 Years” stickers to be placed on our name tags because of the resulting cost savings.

Our Spring Luncheon will be held on May 24. The following events are planned: Joe Alfred will narrate Version Two of the slide show. Michelle Esbenshade is planning a 25 Year ice breaker trivia game. A prize will be given for the winning table. She will also look into providing gelato and cookies from Orofinos for dessert. Carolyn Sulima will work on a special song.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 7 – Holiday Luncheon

January 20 – Deadline for February Newsletter.

February 28 – Next Membership Committee Meeting

March 21 – General Membership Meeting

May 24 – Spring Luncheon