

**MARY WASHINGTON ELDERSTUDY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 16, 2012**

The Mary Washington ElderStudy general membership spring meeting was held in the Woodard Red Room on March 16, 2012.

Treasurer John Thompson announced the presence of a quorum. Ballots for the election of new Board members were collected.

President Phil Hall called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Phil thanked the outgoing Board members, Bob Hanus, Margareta Williamson, and John Thompson, for their service. Minutes of the October 14, 2011 general membership meeting were approved.

Phil acknowledged the contributions of Roger and Dottie Bourdon, who are moving to California. Roger, a retired UMW faculty member, has facilitated the Book Group and Dottie is a current Board member. Larry Turner will complete Dottie's term on the Board.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee

Chair John Thompson reported that the Committee has met three times since the last General Membership meeting. An October meeting was convened to consider two bylaw changes previously submitted by members. Proposal 1, to provide agendas and supporting documentation a week in advance of Board and General Membership meetings, was approved. Proposal 2, to distribute election ballots and materials only by the United States Postal Service, was not approved. The Board later approved both Committee recommendations. At its other meetings, the Committee developed recommendations to the Board regarding voting on items before standing committees, documentation associated with the election of Board members, the BLS scholarship, and other financial matters. The Committee's review of the *Procedures Manual* continues. A full report is attached to the minutes.

Curriculum Committee

Chair Alan Zirkle reported that the Committee is working on the fall semester schedule. He invited more participation by members, their suggestions for topics and speakers, and feedback on past programs.

Peggy Verdine commented on the good job done in updating the website.

Membership Committee

Interim Chair Stew Engel reported that the spring pot luck event is on track. All specified committee jobs are now filled. The list of persons in various jobs can be found by a link on the ElderStudy Web site under the "Contact Us" button. Phone numbers & email addresses have intentionally been omitted.

Eagle eye Chuck Johnson noticed at the last committee meeting that Wegman's Cafe is plastered everywhere with signs that state "NO GROUP MEETINGS", so we will have to meet elsewhere next semester. The committee was unanimous in preferring Wegman's

to Woodard for meetings. This suggests to me that the poor attendance at GMMs is due more to the site than the day of the week. I suspect that for the same, or less, cost we could pay to rent a facility & supply our own goodies. Several people are following up on this possibility.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ElderStudy has 244 members, which exceeded expectations and has resulted in increased revenue. The Treasurer's narrative report is attached to these minutes. The financial report, to be filed for audit, will appear in the April newsletter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The proposed change to schedule Board and General Membership meetings on Wednesdays instead of Fridays did not elicit any discussion. The rationale for changing the meeting day is to hold all ElderStudy activities on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and leave Fridays free for members' travel, etc. The Board will vote on this matter at its May Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The spring potluck luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 11:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Fredericksburg.

Seventy-seven ballots were cast in the election of new Board members. Bill Wemmerus, Phil Hall, and Barbara Barrett were elected to serve 3-year terms. They are to attend the May 31st Board meeting to participate in the election of the new Board officers.

OPEN FORUM

Chandler 102 will be available for ElderStudy classes during the 2012-13 school year.

Scarce parking, especially handicapped spaces, continues to pose problems. UMW contact Susan Knick is looking for an ElderStudy classroom after Chandler is torn down. Its location may affect parking choices. Eagle Village is not an option. Barbara Barrett volunteered to coordinate rides for those needing assistance to get to ElderStudy activities. This was referred to the Membership Committee for discussion.

The absence of a crosswalk on College Avenue near Chandler is a threat to safety. The campus police should be asked to follow up.

Bill Toomey asked members to keep the Chandler 102 doorway clear for safety reasons.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Barbara Barrett, Acting Secretary (who prepared the minutes based on Margaret Rose's notes and Standing Committee written reports)

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