

Membership Committee Minutes

The ElderStudy Membership committee met on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 1:30 at Wegmans with ten members present. They were Anne McGrath, Chuck Johnson, Dot Meyers, Eugenia Jones, Millie Goodrich, Pat Parkinson, Rose Marie Schlemm, Sherrill Bartholomew, Sue Allen (new member) and Suzanne Willis

Sherrill Bartholomew brought a new **Member Packet** along to show the committee what materials are contained therein. She sent out new member packets to all the names she received from John Thomson. Sherrill mentioned that all new members did not get a newsletter, as she had none to give. At one time, John Thomson gave her the extra newsletters. Suzanne is going to ask John if Sherrill can get the extra newsletters to have on hand to give new members in the new semester.

Miriam Gerard could not attend, so Suzanne Willis substituting for her gave her **Nametag** report. Miriam has mailed 27 badges to new members and at this time has 8 requests to order as well.

Chuck Johnson reported the **membership roll** was 234 on that day with 45 new members.

Suzanne reported for Chuck Watkins who was out of town. Chuck has answered some questions from the **Website** from members to be. He has taken pictures of officers of Elderstudy and put them on the website He wanted the committee to know he is willing to take pictures of whatever we would like to put on the website.

Millie Goodrich's report was that all went well with the food at the **General Membership** meeting on October 12. Millie is responsible for conveying information to the caterers for said meeting.

Pat Parkinson, who is in charge of **telephone** messages reported there have been very few to handle, but she did answer those who had left messages on the ElderStudy phone line.

Editor Dottie Meyers for the **ElderStudy newspaper** mentioned all articles need to be into her by November 15, so she can accomplish all her tasks to get the newsletters mailed out in early December. The December issue carries the schedule for the New Year.

Suzanne reported for Peggy z

Suzanne thanked Anne McGrath for the new **brochures** she had printed to put out at various community locations, to advertize ElderStudy to people. These brochures are all gone at the Headquarters and Salem Church branch libraries. Suzanne suggested that be printed in color rather than just on white paper. Anne said she would print more and in color. Sue Allen said she would take over these distribution duties. ElderStudy brochures would be let at the local YMCAs as well as the libraries.

Eugenia Jones reported on the **social events**. At this time, 32 members had said they would be attending the luncheon on December 6, 2012. The decision was made to have the luncheon announced before each of our classes, to have Alan Zirkle send an email to the members with a sign-up form included, and to have

Sherrill Bartholomew who telephones the people who do not have email (17 people) to include information about the Winter Luncheon in her call.

Eugenia is also part of the committee preparing for the Twentieth Anniversary of ElderStudy, which will be held in conjunction with the spring luncheon. Would there be any of our group that would like to help? Eugenia announced what their committee has planned so far.

After the reports, **New Business** was on the table. Anne McGrath suggested that we give monies to some charity in memory of Betty Blaisdell and Alice Rabson. The membership committee is budgeted \$200.00 for gifts and remembrances and these members should have a respectable donation made in their name. After more discussion, Anne moved we give \$100.00 (\$50.00 for each) to the Chappell Great Lives Series at the university. The vote was unanimous in favor of the action. Suzanne will check with John Thompson, the treasurer to handle this action. Peggy Gratz will send another note to the families to inform them of ElderStudy's actions.

Suzanne Willis then announced the membership meeting dates in the New Year. The committee will meet on Tuesday February 26, 2013 and on April 30, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Suzanne Willis