

**MARY WASHINGTON ELDERSTUDY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (GMM)
UMW STAFFORD CAMPUS, SOUTH BUILDING
ROOM 210 (SC201S - LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTER)
MARCH 16, 2016**

The Mary Washington ElderStudy (ES) General Membership Meeting was held in the UMW Stafford Campus South Building, Room 210, on March 16, 2016. President Chuck Watkins called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. after John Thompson announced a quorum present. Chuck welcomed attendees and new members.

Mary Ann Stana moved that the October 21, 2015 GMM minutes be adopted as posted on the ES Website. Mel Wright seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee (AC), John Thompson, Chair. 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 February 24th meeting it reviewed the preliminary financial reports and it was informed of the status for the Federal Tax Return for 2014-2015. The AC requested input for the 2016-2017 budget at the March 2nd Board Meeting with inputs to be made by April 30. Suggested revisions for the Policy and Procedures Document are due by May 15.

The Committee is seeking members especially a volunteer to serve as Chair beginning September 1 with the approval of the President and confirmation by the Board.

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 spring. The weather forced the postponement of the Pickle Ball session which has been rescheduled to March 29th, 1 to 3 p.m. The CC meets three times a semester and all ES members are invited to attend. There are nearly 40 classes scheduled for the Fall 2016 semester, with room for a few more. He announced that the Genealogy Group had to be cancelled as the founder, Bill Toomey, had to resign because of health issues and the lack of current interest. Should a new leader come forth and there is renewed interest the group could be reestablished.

Joan Bitely gave kudos to Joe Alfred for his excellent scheduling of programs and the work he does with Alan Zirkle in posting the working schedule on the Internet.

Membership Committee (MC), Patricia Parkinson, Chair. Pat acknowledged the MC members present for all the work they do. There were around 78 new ES members with more still joining for a current total membership around 260. She thanked Peggy Gratz

for working with UMW to obtain a discount for ES members when dining on the UMW Fredericksburg Campus. Members need to be wearing their ES badges to receive the discount. She thanked Carolyn Sulima for arranging for refreshment for the GMM. Interested ES members are invited to volunteer for the MC. She informed the members that the Fire Safety group is reviewing the maximum number of persons that can occupy the Life Long Learning Center (LLC) room, as the number posted in the room was determined prior to the removal of the cubicles that had previously occupied the room. Name tags of recent new members are in the ES Office and older tags that have not been picked up are stored in a drawer.

TREASURER'S REPORT John Thompson announced that ES has sufficient income from Membership fees to cover the approved budget and for consideration of the Year-End Grants to UMW Departments whose faculty have presented programs during the 2015-2016 year. The AC will make recommendations regarding the grants at the May meeting and present its recommendations to the Board in June. John also announced that the ES checking account had been hacked New Year's Eve via an unauthorized E-pay debit action involving nearly 50% of the funds in the account. Following a fraud investigation, the funds were restored before the end of January. Additional security aspects have been added to the account.

The Treasurer and the Board are currently seeking a member to volunteer to serve as treasurer beginning this fall. John will continue to help with the duties of the treasurer through December to file the 2015-2016 Federal Income Tax. Interested membership should contact him, Chuck Watkins or Mel Wright.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Counting of the Ballots: The Nominating Committee adjourned to the ES Office to count the ballots while the membership took a break.

Results of Election: Chuck W., the chair, announced and introduced the winners of the election, new Board Members: Chuck Block, Jack Sulima, and Peggy Verdine.

NEW BUSINESS: Chuck W. announced that should the finding of the Safety Marshall be that the occupancy of the LLC Room can accommodate more seats than we currently have, new chairs have to be purchased from the Virginia Bureau of Prisons and they may not match the current chairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chuck W. announced that music provided for the May Luncheon will be a program provided by Laurie Rose Griffin and Pete Mealy which will not be background music. The performance will not start until after dessert had concluded. The CC will meet on Thursday afternoon, March 17th not Wednesday, March 16th.

Adjournment: 11:20 a.m.

Randy Fennemore, Secretary

Date Approves:

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