

**MARY WASHINGTON ELDERSTUDY  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
UMW STAFFORD CAMPUS, SOUTH BUILDING, ROOM 210 (SC201S)  
OCTOBER 16, 2013**

The Mary Washington ElderStudy (ES) general membership meeting was held in the UMW Stafford Campus South Building, Room 210, on October 16, 2013. Treasurer John Thompson verified the presence of a quorum. President Bill Toomey called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. He welcomed attendees, including one new member. The minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting were approved as read.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration Committee, John Thompson, Chair (report attached). On May 29, the Committee recommended four items for Board approval: (1) 2013-14 membership fee schedule; (2) 2013-14 budget; (3) use of excess 2012-13 funds for grants to UMW departments whose staff participated in 2012-13 ES programs; and (4) John Thompson continuing as 2013-14 Committee Chair. The Board approved the recommendations on June 5. On August 27, the Committee recommended the preliminary 2012-13 year-end financial report be presented to the Board in September. Audit preparations were reviewed. The next Committee meeting is November 26 at 1 p.m. in SC201S.

Curriculum Committee, Bill Wemmerus, Chair. Yesterday the Committee met to plan the spring program, now about 80% complete. Bill recognized those present who gave or sponsored programs. ES benefits because speakers who are members do not receive honoraria and provide excellent programs. The fan in this meeting room is noisy, so speakers are being told to use the microphone whether or not they want to. The Committee has avoided scheduling two programs on the same day. After being asked at the last Board meeting to reconsider this, given the distance some members must travel to the new location, the Committee did so and decided to keep that practice. To date, program cancellations and schedule changes have been minimal.

Membership Committee, Suzanne Willis, Chair (report attached). ElderStudy has 228 members, of whom 36 are new. All have name tags. The winter luncheon is December 11 at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse. The next Committee meeting is November 20 at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library Headquarters, Room 2.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** (report attached). The Year-End Financial Reports were approved by the Board on September 4 and published in the October newsletter. Overall, ElderStudy assets exceeded liabilities. Three members volunteered to conduct the annual audit. Wendell Anderson will be responsible for this task, assisted by John Parkinson and Robert Walker, as needed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Celebrate 20 Committee Report (see 6/4/13 Board minutes and website for full report). Mary Ann Stana presented the following highlights of ES' 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration May 16. Suzanne Willis researched contact information for the founders. Alan Zirkle printed their invitations. Larry Turner composed a poem. To honor the founders, a \$200 check was given to the Chappell Great Lives Lecture Series. Dot Meyers made table

runners featuring the learning tree on early newsletters and the names of the 101 charter members. Nine founders and over 80 members attended the luncheon.

New Location. Bill Toomey reported issues are being addressed (e.g., access, chairs). Things are running smoothly. Alan Zirkle has contributed significantly to this. The meeting room must be locked after presentations. Attendees should leave the room promptly, going to public areas in the building to socialize, etc.

Results of Election of Officers and Approval of Committee Chairs. Eugenia Jones reported the following officers were elected at the September 4 Board meeting: President, Bill Toomey; Vice President, Mary Ann Stana; Secretary, Barbara Barrett; and Treasurer, John Thompson. At that meeting, the Board approved Bill Wemmerus and Suzanne Willis continuing as the chairman of the Curriculum Committee and Membership Committee, respectively.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. On October 22 at 9 a.m., UMW Chief of Staff Marty Wilder will lead a ceremonial ribbon-cutting of the Lifelong Learning Center, to be used by other groups (e.g., the Chamber of Commerce), when not in use by ElderStudy.

Survey re Electronic Distribution of Newsletters. The Membership Committee has recommended letting members opt to get the newsletter via e-mail instead of the U.S. Postal Service. Chuck Watkins reported the not-yet-complete e-mail survey of members yielded about 50 members opting out of the USPS mailing. Members will continue getting newsletters via USPS until the survey is finished and the Board considers all options proposed (e.g., those wanting a hard-copy newsletter pay separately for it).

Other. Alan Zirkle discussed options for receiving the roster of members mailed with the October newsletter. The roster is outdated when it's sent because people (re)join during the year. Updated rosters could be put periodically on the website with a password for members only to access. Alan will conduct a poll of members to determine their preferences in this matter.

## **OPEN FORUM**

The question was asked, "Will members have to get a card to park on this campus, as we did on the other campus?" The answer: "Not at this time."

Clean out medicine cabinet day is October 26 from 10-2. Seven locations were identified where one can drop off unused, expired medicines and sharps.

Bill Toomey thanked Phil Hall for serving two years as President. Phil in turn acknowledged the leadership represented at the front table.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Barbara Barrett, Secretary

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