

**MARY WASHINGTON ELDERSTUDY  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (GMM)  
UMW STAFFORD CAMPUS, SOUTH BUILDING  
ROOM 210 (SC201S - LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTER)  
MARCH 18, 2015**

The Mary Washington ElderStudy (ES) General Membership Meeting was held in the UMW Stafford Campus South Building, Room 210, on March 18, 2015. President Chuck Watkins called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. after John Thompson announced a quorum was present. He welcomed attendees and greeted new members.

The minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved after David Hill made the motion and it was seconded by Mary Ann Stana.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration Committee (AC), John Thompson, Chair. (Report attached) John reported that the Policy & Procedures Manual (P&P) Chapter A was reviewed and ready for Membership approval. Mark Safferstone, ES UMW Representative and Chuck Watkins, ES President, were in the process of updating the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Budget Call was issued. The annual P&P review minus Chapter A will be done. The retirements from the committee of long term members Witt Jones and Anne McGrath were announced. A call for new members was made. Next meeting will be May 26th with key activities including preparing a budget to recommend to the Board in June, grants for UMW Academic Departments, and nomination of the Committee Chair for 2015-2016.

Curriculum Committee, Chuck Johnson, Chair. Chuck J. thanked Bill Wemmerus for the many years of service to the committee and announced that the duties Bill performed would now be handled by two persons. Chuck will be the administrative chair and Joe Alfred will be the scheduler. Bill W. recognized persons who served as Chairs of the committee before he became the scheduler about 14 years ago: Peg Johnson, Rose Reif, Margareta Williamson, and Stew Engel and noted they were still strong supporters of ES. Alan Zirkle was thanked for his service by Peg Johnson and a request was made for backup support for Alan. The next meeting will be March 19th and all ES members were encouraged to participate.

Membership Committee, John Parkinson, substituting for Pat Parkinson, Chair. John said that Pat's first year as Chair was an interesting learning experience for them. The newsletter is mostly online now with only 65 hard copies mailed. He recognized volunteers: Alan Zirkle, Anne McGrath, Chuck Johnson and Chuck Watkins. The committee is responsible for name tags, catering and the luncheons. ES members were encouraged to join.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** (Report attached) John announced the mid year operations report showed income the first 6 months was sufficient to cover budget. By the end of February, 54% of expenditures were made. New members are still joining. CD rates are still extremely low. Renewing CDs has been challenging as Wells Fargo (following their predecessor Wachovia) had the CDs opened as a personal CD under the ES tax ID number and upon renewal they realized they needed to be changed to a business CD requiring more signatures. The next CD matures end of July.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**

**Counting of the Ballots:** Chuck thanked the nominees for being willing to run. The Nominating Committee adjourned to the ES Office to count the ballots while the membership took a break.

**Election Results:** Phil Hall, Chair, announced the new board members: Jack Allison, Chuck Johnson, Rose Wesson.

Should any ES Board member resign the next runner up will be chosen for the Board. (In August Rose Wesson resigned from the Board and was replaced with Joan Bitely.)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of Revisions to Policy & Procedures Section A. Governing Documents. Chuck W. announced to the GMM that the Board had recommended approval of the revisions. He called for the vote and the revisions were unanimously approved. He and Mark Safferstone are working on the MOU.

Budget Call for 2015-2016. John called for all committees to submit their input for the budget by the end of April so the AC can prepare the end of May budget for the June Board meeting.

Other. Chuck invited the newly elected Board members to the June Board meeting where they will be able to vote only for the Board officers for 2015-2016.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Dottie announced that the Book Group is open for suggestions on the books selected for the coming year. Titles will be selected at the May 2015 meeting. The next newsletter will be out the first week of April. She gave a presentation on STAGE ALIVE a theatre group in Culpeper that now has an early bird enrollment.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chuck Watkins announced that the next General Membership Meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Randy Fennemore, Secretary

Date Approved: October 21, 2015