Members Present: Gene Bernardini, Peter Buzanski, Barbara Conry, Carol Christensen, Abdel El-Shaieb, Dolores Escobar-Hamilton, Don Keesey, Cindy Margolin, Bill McCraw, Joan Merdinger, Wayne Savage, Carmen Sigler, Lonna Smith, Bob Wilson, Jo Bell Whitlatch.

1. Call to order: President Carmen Sigler called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

2. Approval of Minutes of Executive Board meeting held on March 3rd 2014: Peter/Joan moved approval of the minutes as presented.

3. President’s Remarks: Carmen thanked all the people who planned the Cantor Center Spring Excursion.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

a. Spring Excursion (Barbara Conry, Gene Bernardini, Cindy Margolin): Thirty-eight people will be attending.

b. Spring Event (Dolores Escobar-Hamilton, Carmen Sigler): Lunch will be served at 12:15. Dessert option will be fruit plate upon request for people with dietary limitations. Business meeting will precede entertainment. Musicians will play for about 30 minutes immediately after dessert is served (about 1:30). Carmen will get information on Jazz Combo.

5. Action Items

a. Proposed allocation of chapter's funds (All)

   i. Treasurer’s Report (Abdel El-Shaieb): Current Balance is $12,198.87. Bills for mailing and phone are still outstanding. On June 30th $12,000 is the estimated balance. Last year ERFA made $3100 last year, but many people paid twice. Abdel’s recommendation is that we maintain a minimum balance of $4,000. Thus, maximum $8,000 should be allocated.

   ii. Decision on what amount to allocate (All): Moved Peter/Bob to allocate $3000 to spend. Motion failed. Lonna/Dolores moved $6000 to allocate. Motion failed. Joan/Bob moved $5000 as amount to allocate. Motion passed.

   iii. Description of projects suggested by board members: Board discussed the pros and cons of each proposal

   iv. Ranking of proposals: Don/Wayne moved to contribute $1000 to the Library NEH challenge grant this current year and to allocate $5000 to establish two faculty awards (each $2500) next year. Question called. Motion passed. As background a more detailed description of the faculty awards has been included in the minutes: Fund the SJSU Emeritus Faculty Grants program by which every year ERFA would award $2,500-3,000 to two faculty members. Grants would be competitive. The ERFA Board would set the criteria and the selection would be done by a subcommittee of the
Board or by the Center for Faculty Development. Grants would be presented publicly at an ERFA event. The Board agreed to invite the Dean of the Library to the ERFA luncheon to publicly accept the donation.

b. ERFA archives and the SJSU Special Collections (Jo Bell Whilatch & Lonna Smith): Tabled until May meeting.

6. Reports

a. Membership Report (Wayne Savage): ERFA has 240 people who are currently up-to-date on dues. Wayne is writing to people who have not paid for 3 years to advise them that they will be dropped from ERFA membership if they do not bring dues up-to-date.

b. Newsletter Editor Report (Gene Bernardini): Flyer will go out for the Spring luncheon. May will be the last Newsletter for this academic year.

c. Nominating Committee Report (Gene Bernardini): Slate of candidates for ratification to be presented May 9. Open positions are: Vice-President/President-Elect; Member at Large; Activities Committee Member. Board members are encouraged to send the nominating committee additional names of potential nominees to Gene Bernardini.

d. ACE/Sloan Faculty Transitions Grant Update (Joan Merdinger): ACE project winding down; 16 videos on the Website; published article; two abstracts have been submitted to the AROHE conference to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 10-12, 2014.

e. Webmaster’s Report (Carol Christensen): No report

f. Consolations Report (Jill Cody): No report

g. Activities Committee
   i. Report (Marian Yoder): Five people attended a movie on Caesar Chavez.
   ii. Venue for Fall Event: Postponed to next month.

h. Faculty Senate Report (Peter Buzanski): Campus review committee spent four days on campus last month and by invitation, interviewed 96 people. Report should be completed in the next month. Search for new provost; three finalists, one is the current interim provost, plus two outside of the CSU. The most important policy that Senate passed is the Guidelines for General Education (GE), American Institutions (AI), and the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR). First year experience courses increase graduation rate – there is discussion and concern about possibility of folding this course into existing courses. The physical education general education proposal has not been considered by the Senate and may not be this year. Eighteen resident assistants have been fired as reported by the San Jose Mercury News.

i. CSU-ERFA Report (Bob Wilson, Don Keesey, Adnan Daoud, Jill Cody)
   i. State Council meeting: April 26th at CSU Pomona: Bob and Joan are going to the meeting.

j. Archivist Report (Lonna Smith): No returned newsletters have appeared in the ERFA mailbox. The Mailroom has been returning the newsletters directly to Gene.

k. Date for Fall Luncheon: Usually late October, Friday the 17th, 24th. Dolores will check with Marian’s Restaurant to see if either date is available.
7. Adjournment to May 5th meeting: Meeting adjourned just before Noon.

Minutes Submitted by Jo Bell Whitlatch, Secretary