Members Present: Peter Buzanski, Carol Christensen, Jill Cody, Barbara Conry, Abdel El-Shaieb, Gail Evans, Patrick Hamill, Don Keesey, Joan Merdinger, Wayne Savage, Carmen Sigler, Lonna Smith, Jo Bell Whitlatch, Bob Wilson, Marian Yoder.

1. Call to order: President Joan Merdinger called meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2014. Peter/Wayne moved and seconded. Minutes approved as presented with one abstention.

3. President’s Remarks
   a. NorCal Retiree Organization Consortium on September 17th.
      Consortium was held at UC Davis at retirement facility. Retirement organizations exchanged information on their practices. SJSU ERFA is one of the oldest retirement organizations.
   b. Newly Retired Faculty Reception on September 25th/Cancelled due to low response.
      Only 3 people had RSVP’D. The provost will take these 3 people to lunch.
   c. Thank You Letters: A card will be sent to Dolores, who has contributed so generously to the ERFA Board. Joan had received thank you notes from Library Dean, Ruth Kifer, and the Cantor Center for the donations from ERFA.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities
   a. Fall Luncheon: October 24th, 2014 at Mariani’s
         Thirty-six people have responded to date. Approximately 80 people generally attend. Carol will send email reminders.
      ii. Program (Joan Merdinger, et al):
         Gene will be contacted concerning nametags. Joan is in contact with speaker David Wagner. He will be added to the lunch list as well as his wife, if she plans to attend. Joan will reserve a hotel if an overnight stay is desired. Lonna will check on location of no-host bar.
   b. Holiday Reception: Wednesday, December 10th
         Lonna has reserved 225/229 in the King Library. Menu will be discussed at November meeting.
   c. Spring Luncheon: Date TBD
      i. The Villages (Dolores Escobar-Hamilton, et al):
         Arrangements will be discussed at a future meeting.
d. Reports about possible Spring 2015 excursion

   i. **Academy of Science/Carmen Sigler**: Group tours for a variety of attractions are available and must be reserved in advance and require between 10-14 people. Cost for seniors $29.95.

   ii. **Elkhorn Slough/Gail Evans**: Mobility issues are associated with the Slough and may make it difficult for ERFA.

   iii. **Rooftops of SF/Dolores Escobar-Hamilton**: No information available at this time.

   iv. **Walt Disney Museum/Jill Cody**: Good quality of exhibits requiring over two hours to really enjoy. Tours must be reserved in advance. Guided tours are available for $100-$175 depending on size of group. Presidio location has good places to eat.

   v. **De Young Museum/Don Keesey**: National Galleries of Scotland Exhibition, March 7 – May 31, 2015, which is a good time frame for a spring excursion. You can reserve group tours in advance for the exhibition.

Bob/Peter moved approval of the Walt Disney Museum as the choice for the Spring Exhibition. Friday might be preferred because of the availability of parking at the stadium. Jill will investigate what day would be best for visiting the museum relative to lower museum attendance. March 23-27 is Spring break and would permit easy parking on the campus if a bus were rented for transportation to San Francisco. March 31 is also a holiday at SJSU. Easter is April 5. A majority approved motion.

5. Action Items

a. **SJSU ERFA Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award**

   i. **Decisions on Application Deadline & Announcement of Award(s), Evaluation Criteria, Other Conditions & Requirements, Composition of the Review Committee**: Money must be deposited for non-profit such as the Tower Foundation in order for faculty to access the award. Tower Foundation will take five percent off. Friday December 5 is application deadline. Moved by Bob/Peter that announcement of the award would be made by March 31, 2015. Board agreed by consensus to revise the language in the award policy to read: 2. **Eligibility**: Lecturers with more than 6 years of continuous service to SJSU, all tenure-track faculty and tenured faculty. Jo/Lonna moved to continue this discussion. Motion approved. Bob/Carol moved and seconded that we accept this document as amended. Gail/Lonna suggested a friendly amendment to remove the phrase from the award policy: “The Board welcomes proposals that relate to retirement topics.” which was not accepted as friendly. A formal motion passed, which removes the phrase: “The Board welcomes proposals that relate to retirement topics.” Bob called the question. Joan will be the contact for more information about the ERFA Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award. The SJSU ERFA Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award document as amended was approved, with one vote against approval.

b. **ERFA archives and the SJSU Special Collections (Lonna Smith & Jo Bell Whitlatch) with guest Danelle Moon, Head of Special Collections & Archives, MLK Jr. Library (Time Certain – 10:45 AM)**
Possibilities for archiving in King Library Special Collections & Archives presented by Lonna:

1. Copies of all constitutions and bylaws
2. Copies of minutes
3. Copies of agendas
4. All scrapbooks
   1. Newspaper articles
   2. Obituaries
   3. Photo Albums
5. Necrology
6. Recent notebooks from Presidents and Secretaries
7. Newsletters

Item postponed until future meeting, due to lack of time.

6. Reports
   a. Treasurer’s Report (Abdel El-Shaieb): $15, 163.51 is the balance as of today. Abdel has not received three months of dues for SJSU ERFA members.
   b. Membership Report (Wayne Savage): Total of 336 people in the directory: however 2011 and 2012 members who last paid in these years will be deleted. Estimated number is 35.
   c. Newsletter Editor Report (Gene Bernardini): no report
   d. ACE/Sloan Faculty Transitions Grant Update (Joan Merdinger): no report
   e. Webmaster’s Report (Carol Christensen). Up to date once the minutes are on the web.
   f. Consolations Report (Jill Cody). Helen Merrick has passed away and Jill is working on information.
   g. Activities Committee (Marian Yoder/ Don Keesey). Eight people saw the movie “Pride” yesterday.
   h. Faculty Senate Report (Peter Buzanski): Faculty dining room is available now in the new Student Union. Faculty Dining room has no signs, but the Faculty Dining room can be accessed by turning to the right at Jamba Juice and going through an unmarked white door. Article in the Sunday’s Mercury News about SJSU reports on many issues already known on campus. Community colleges can now offer some BA degrees. Rebecca Dukes is investigating complaints about the record keeping of the Foundation.
   i. CSU-ERFA (Bob Wilson, Don Keesey, Adnan Daoud, Joan Merdinger)
i. **State Council meeting, October 18th at CSU Dominguez Hills**: Bob reported on vulnerability of pensions when cities declare bankruptcy. On dues, ERFA spent $2916 to provide possibility of combined dues deduction for SJSU ERFA and CSU ERFA. Wants to discuss logistics on coffee and also wants to thank College of Science or appropriate party for the use of the room.

ii. **Action Item**: Language in future faculty contract from the CSU-ERFA Pre- and Post-Retirement Concerns Committee. Postponed to the next meeting.

j. **Archivist Report (Lonna Smith)**: no additional report beyond agenda item 5.b

7. **Adjournment to November 3rd, 2014 meeting**: Meeting adjourned around noon.

*Minutes Submitted by Jo Bell Whitlatch, Secretary*