John Houdek called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were: Bill Appel, Phillip Caruso, Mary Cordier, Moyra Ebling, Nick Hamner, Peter Kobrak, Ruth Ann Meyer, John Petro, Henry Raup and Molly Williams.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Houdek distributed an agenda and the agenda was accepted as distributed.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2005 MEETING: Caruso informed the members that when Mary Cordier sent him the minutes for electronic distribution, she had asked him to make a correction before distributing them. Caruso forgot. Ms Hurd’s name is incorrectly spelled as Herd. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

COMMENTS FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER: Caruso had no comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:
1. The Western Association of Retired Faculty (WARF) is encouraging emeriti to participate in reading programs with local students. As a result, Joan Weldon of Woods Lake Elementary reported at the last Wednesdays II, about a program where adults listen to children read. There are similar programs sponsored by local churches. This provides an (additional) opportunity for Emeriti to provide a service to the community.
2. As a result of a conversation with Bud Bender and our Medallion Scholar (Sarah Hurd), Houdek inquired whether the Council had an interest to trying to raise additional funds for our existing Scholarship and/or raise fund for a second Medallion Scholarship. (The current Scholarship is not sufficiently funded to cover all costs of the recipient.) Kobrak reported that we presently have about $338,000 in the fund for the existing scholarship. After discussion, it was agreed that the Council should talk with Bender about the alternatives.
3. Houdek has been informed that there is an extra $1400 in the Textbook Scholarship fund. Combined with that and the additional funds from the second request for donations, there will be 29 textbook scholarships in the Winter/Spring Semester. There were only 14 in the Fall. In an attempt to get more mileage from the existing funds, it has been suggested that if the textbooks provided were bundled together and returned as a bundle at the end of the semester, the scholarship could be used to buy more textbooks. Some members of the Council argued that such students might actually want to keep at least some of their textbooks. It was suggested that we find out to what extent the current recipients would prefer to keep at least some of their books and whether this bundling option would require that all of the texts be returned.

OTHER UPDATES AND REPORTS
BREAK-FEST: the Break-Fest is scheduled for the morning of August 2nd. Houdek inquired whether we should have a buffet breakfast as we did last year. There was no objection to the buffet.

FLU CLINIC: Meyer indicated that she would again, at the appropriate time, obtain the dates for
the Emeriti Flu Clinic at Sindecuse Health Center. Caruso informed the Council of his concern that given the delays in getting the Newsletter produced by the Office of the President, last year’s newsletter almost did not come out in time to announce the flu clinic. He suggested that we could do the Newsletter in August if there were other ways for the Emeriti to be adequately informed of the flu clinic. He suggested that a message could be placed on the phone in the Emeriti Lounge. The consensus was that Emeriti have other ways to get this information and that Caruso was worried needlessly. (Note: the telephone number for the phone in the Emeriti Lounge is 387-8031 and the message on the voice mailbox states that the phone belongs to the Emeriti Council Office and that the mailbox is full.)

EXPLORING OUR CAMPUS: The plan is to visit the new Health and Human Resources building. Williams and Raup will be picking a date shortly.

CARE AND NURTURING OF OUR WEBSITE: Concern was once again registered that the website has not been updated by the website manager. Indeed, material specifically sent last Fall has not been added. Houdek inquired whether we need a website. Consensus was that we should at least show the names of current officers and dates of future activities and possibly the Newsletter.

NEWS ITEMS FOR PRISM: Houdek will submit a report on the Textbook Scholarship fund. Additional ideas are welcome. Deadline for submission for the next issue is 5 PM on January 17. It was mentioned that it would be nice if we could include something to give a clearer notion of what Emeriti do in retirement.

EMERITI SPRING DINNER: The Emeriti Spring Dinner has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 5 from 5:30 to 10:00 in the Fetzer Center. Possible speakers were discussed. Possibilities included Tim Greene, Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Tom Kent, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Janet Pisaneschi, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services.

UNIVERSITY THEATRE SPECIALS: The Emeriti Theatre Night is Thursday, April 6 and the play is Misalliance by George Bernard Shaw. This was published in the Wednesdays II flyer sent out in December.

OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS: The trip to Brook Lodge is set for Wednesday, May 10. They will want a deposit. The normal procedure is that when individuals register for the event, a check is written to WMU and WMU pays the bill from the Emeriti Council account. It was agreed that Bach and Cordier should speak with the people at Brook Lodge to see if that is soon enough for payment or whether some arrangement with the Office of the President to pay the deposit in advance needs to be worked out.

2006-2007 FORUM: Kobrak reported that Howard Wolpe has agreed to lead a forum on the afternoon of October 6. Wolpe has sent copies of three papers which may serve as possible topics. As suggested, the Haenicke Institute will be contacted for financial support as well as suggestions on ways to get students involved in the forum.
NOMINATION COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Ebliing reported that the nomination committee is about to begin assembling candidates and she wanted to get recommendations from the current members. Suggestion of possible candidates should be passed on to Ebling.

WEDNESDAYS II PRESENTATIONS for 2006/2007: Suggestions for presentations for Wednesdays II for next year should be passed on to Cordier.

NEXT MAILING: The ballot and the reservations form for the Brook Lodge will need to be mailed out sometime in April. The ballot goes to the approximately 650 Emeriti while the reservation form would typically be sent only to the 450 “local” members. One mailing would be cheaper than two. Should they be combined?

THE CALENDAR: Caruso was asked to rework the calendar in the recipe book to reflect the approximate dates for mailings and add any omitted tasks.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Caruso
Minutes of the March 14, 2006 Meeting of the Emeriti Council

Houdek called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were: Bill Appel, Shirley Bach, James Bosco, Phil Caruso, Mary Cordier, Moyra Ebling, Peter Kobrak, Ruth Ann Meyer, Bob Nagler, John Petro, and Molly Williams. Sarah Hurd, the Emeriti Medallion Scholar, and Bud Bender, Vice President for Development, attended as invited guests.

AGENDA: The agenda had been distributed earlier. It was accepted without change.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 10 MEETING: The minutes of the January 10 meeting were accepted as distributed.

THE 2006-2007 FORUM: Houdek had contacted Linda Delene for financial assistance in undertaking the Forum. He has suggested to her that if the University can provide about $2,500, the Council might be able to provide about $1,000 from its funds. Kobrak added that there will be no charge for the auditorium in the Hayworth College of Business so that $3,500 should be sufficient to fund the refreshments and an appropriate honorarium for Howard Wolpe. (Howard Wolpe is currently Director of the Africa Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.) The title of the forum is tentatively titled Achieving Peace in an Embattled World and it would be held Friday, October 6 from 1 to 5. Howard Dooley has agreed to serve on the panel and the Forum Committee is still looking for one or two more. Someone suggested that Reinhold and/or Erica Loeffler have expertise in Middle Eastern Issues and might be available. Cordier suggested that we count the Forum as the Wednesdays II program for October. Everyone thought that was appropriate.

SARAH HURD: Ms Hurd had been invited to attend the meeting because the Council intended to discuss its Medallion Scholarship. She was introduced and she reported that she is now majoring in Public Relations and Marketing. She also reported that she was asked to join President Bailey and others to appear before the Senate Appropriations Committee. She found the experience both interesting and educational. When asked she reported that the Medallions Scholarship funds do not at this time cover all expenses. Essentially, the funds seem to be sufficient to cover only tuition and fees.

WEBSITE: Houdek indicated his pessimism about the current website for the Council. He suggested that we content ourselves with a list of the current officers and a calendar of events for the year. Again, everyone agreed that would be acceptable.

Nominations and Elections Committee: Ebling distributed a copy of the 12 candidates for membership on the Council. She inquired whether we should continue to conduct a real election of just enough candidates to fill the vacant positions. Presently, we provide a slate of 12 with instructions to vote for 6. The top six vote-getters receive terms of two years and the two individuals with the next highest vote totals become the alternates who serve one year terms. Alternatively, we could present a slate of 8 and each person who volunteered would serve at least one year. Thus, there would be no losers. Discussion ensued.
EXPLORING OUR CAMPUS/SPRING DINNER: To Houdek’s surprise, we have been quoted a price of $16 per dinner. It’s not clear why the price is lower this year.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION DINNER: Molly Williams has agreed to speak at the retirement dinner on behalf of the Council. Rollin Douma will speak for the new retirees.

LUNCH WITH MEDALLION SCHOLAR:

EMERITI NEWSLETTER:
Items Presently Included:
Dates for Breakfast
Electronic Delivery
Sindecuse Pharmacy Services: Note taken from postcard announcing UPS delivery option
Emeriti Lounge Telephone
Attention Widowed Spouses of 25 year Club Members
Report of Textbook Scholarship Results: Quoted from Prism.

OFF-CAMPUS EVENT: Bach reported that the invitation for the trip to Brook Lodge is in Shannon Landis’s office for reproduction and distribution. Those who respond will have the chance to walk through the gardens and we will receive some information on the history of the property. She reported there will be golf carts to provide transportation from the parking lot to the Lodge for those who need assistance. The charge will be $20 per person and the Council will provide a subsidy of $3 per person.

25 YEAR CLUB DINNER: As a result of the work of Cordier and Houdek, widows/widowers of members of the 25 year Club will be invited to the dinner.

EMERITI MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIP: Bud Bender had been asked to attend the meeting to educate the Council on the status of its Medallion Scholarship. Bender reported that the initial amount in the Fund was about $118,000 and it has now grown to about $380,000. About $57,000 of this is spendable. Presently we have a commitment to spend about $16,000 for the remainder of Ms Hurd’s scholarship at the current rates for the Scholarships. In the future, it is hoped that the value of the scholarships can be increased to at least partially offset the increase in tuition and fees from the time the Scholarships were originally established. If the Emeriti could raise an additional $180,000 they could offer a second Scholarship at the current rates. When asked Bender responded that he thought it unlikely that the Emeriti could increase the amount of its scholarship so that it cover more of the expenses without the others also being increased. When asked he indicated that the next campaign is scheduled to begin no later than 2008. The University is presently trying to construct its priorities for the fund raising campaign. He emphatically indicated that his office does not determine the priorities. After much consultation throughout the University Schools, Colleges and Departments, the President determines the priorities.
Someone suggested that we might offer a second scholarship prior to the expiration of the current one so that we would have two in place some years and only one in other years.

Kobrak indicated that there might be other goals for Emeriti fund raising efforts. He indicated that the University would benefit if there were more outside speakers on the campus. Funds could be raised to make that possible. He added that it is important to increase the visibility of the activities of the Emeriti and that might be a successful way. Bosco who had chaired the Visiting Scholars program for many years suggested that the Visiting Scholars program had, and maybe still is, a very successful program.

18TH ANNUAL PROM NIGHT: Sarah Hurd reported that her group stages a prom in which senior citizens are invited. It will be held March 29th.

Respectfully submitted

Phil Caruso

P.S. After the meeting, Cordier, Ebling, Houdek and Caruso were talking about the newsletter. Caruso commented that according to tradition, the next newsletter is scheduled to be published in May sometime and then a Fall Newsletter usually comes out in September or October. He indicated that tradition doesn’t make much sense. It would make more sense to print a newsletter in August with all of the dates of the events for the Fall Semester and then another one in December (or late November) with all of the dates for the Winter/Spring Semester. Then the only other mailings would be the ones which require responses from the Emeriti or the annual election.
Minutes of the May 9, 2006 Meeting of the Emeriti Council

John Houdek called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were: Bill Appel, Phillip Caruso, Mary Cordier, George Dales, Woody Ehrle, Moyra Ebling, Nancy Falk, Ruth Heinig, Gus Gianakaris, Peter Kobrak, Phil Kramer, Ruth Ann Meyer, Donna Oas, John Petro, and Molly Williams.

THE TRANSITION: The May meeting of the Council is a meeting where the in-coming members of the Council join the members of the outgoing Council. The members of both the “old” and “new” Councils attend the first part of the meeting and then the out going members depart and the in-coming (and carryover) members elect officers and allocate tasks for the coming year. Houdek began by recognizing the service of the outgoing members.

Bill Appel had done significant work with Peter Kobrak in organizing the Fall 2006 Forum and will continue to be involved on an ex-officio basis. At this point Appel read the paragraph published in the Prism describing the forum and corrected the date published therein. The date of the forum is Friday, October 6 and not October 2. The provost has provided $2,500 to help with expenses and the emeriti Council is provididng $1,000.

Shirley Bach had participated in the organization of the Break-Fast last August and in arranging the Brook Lodge trip that was to occur on the following day. At last count 82 emeriti and spouses/friends had signed up.

Moyra Ebling had done a great deal of work arranging the 2006/2007 Wednesdays II program and assembling the slate of candidates for this year’s Council.

Nick Hamner provided the Council institutional memory where other members could not remember the past of the Council.

Robert Nagler and Henry Raup were the alternates for 2005-2006.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE 2006-2007 COUNCIL: Ebling was asked to lead the Council through the process of electing officers since her term was expiring. After discussion, Houdek was elected Chair, Williams was elected to serve as Vice-Chair and Caruso was elected Secretary/Treasurer. These individuals will comprise the steering committee which meets on the Tuesday before a Council meeting when it is necessary.

TASK GROUPS: Two organizational changes were made last year. One of them was to establish the a steering committee. The other change was to assign members to particular tasks at the beginning of term so that where needed, work could begin on each of the tasks. According to the secretary’s notes, the volunteers for the various tasks (in alphabetical order) are:

Break-Fest: Gianakaris and Oas
Care and Nurturing of Website:
Emeriti Forum for 2006-2007: Kobrak, Kramer and Appel (ex-officio)
Emeriti Newsletter: Caruso and Meyer
Exploring Our Campus: Heinig & Williams
Flu Clinic: Meyer
Liason to AAUP/WARF: Dales, Falk and Kramer
Medallions Scholar Issues: Ehrle, Kobrak and Kramer
News Items for PRISM: Falk and Petro
Nominations for 2007: Meyers and Petro
Off Campus Events: Cordier and Heinig
University Theatre Specials: Gianakaris and Houdek
Wednesdays II: Cordier, Gianakaris, and Williams
25 Year Club: Cordier, Houdek, Petro
Textbook Scholarships: Bosco & Houdek
Emeriti Dinner: Williams and Houdek

THE 25 YEAR CLUB: We recently discovered that the University does not invite spouses of deceased faculty members who served 25 or more years to the 25 year Club Dinner. Since the cost of the dinner of the spouse has always been paid by them, this does not add to the expense of the University except in the sending out of the invitation. The University has now conceded that inviting these spouses is not an impossible task and the Council is working to make sure the invitations are issued. The problem is analyzing the database and selecting the names and addresses. However,
1. The 25 year Club list includes staff as well as faculty.
2. The 25 year Club list could include faculty who died before retiring and thus are not emeriti and not all emeriti were at WMU long enough to qualify for the 25 year Club. Thus, working from the Emeriti database will introduce some errors.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Caruso
MINUTES OF THE EMERITI COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 11, 2006

John Houdek called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were: Phillip Caruso, Mary Cordier, George Dales, Nancy Falk, Gus Gianakaris, Ruth Heinig, Peter Kobrak, Ruth Ann Meyer, and Molly Williams.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the May 9, 2006 meeting were accepted without correction, additions or deletions.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER: Caruso reported that he had not seen a report of the financial status of the Council’s budget since Shannon Landis had taken over Wiseon Salisbury’s role. He has asked for a current status and was told that Ms Landis would have to find out from Ms Salisbury (who has left the University) how to do that. The inference is that no one is seriously worried about it. An additional Treasurer’s Report is appended.

NEWSLETTER: Caruso distributed copies of the Summer Newsletter, the Break-Fest flyer and the Form flyer which were to be sent out by the President’s Office that morning. (Note: The Newsletter was also mailed to those requesting it electronically because Ms Landis concluded that the inclusion of reservation form for Break-Fest made that impossible.) The plan is to send out a Newsletter in either late November or early January with the schedule of events for the Winter/Spring Semester. The January Wednesday II is published in the current Newsletter. Ms. Landis will be busy in early December with graduation activities for President Bailey so we either have to do it before Thanksgiving or after the Fall Semester is concluded. The presumption is that it might be difficult to get volunteers for assembly in the last two weeks in December.

BREAK-FEST: Discussion revealed that we are charging more for the Break-Fest this year than we did last year. This year’s Break-Fest will cost $15 per person and the last years minutes show we charged $10.50 last year. (Secretary’s note: From those minutes, it appears that the low price was the result of a subsidy of about $2 to $3 a person because it indicates that price would involve a loss of from $145 to $175 depending upon the number attending.) If the attendance is lower this year, we may wish to return to subsidizing the Break-Fest.

THE FALL FORUM: Kobrak reported for the committee (Kobrak and Bill Appel). Coffee and cookies will be available as refreshments. Discussion about ideas for promotion are still welcome. Ideas suggested included contacting the local political parties, League of Women Voters, People’s Church. Inside the University, flyers will be sent to appropriate departments and instructors.

TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIPS: The letters requesting donations for the Textbook Scholarships will be going out soon. Last year Houdek sent thank you notes to donors and addressed the envelopes by hand. He indicted that he would like some help in that task this year. (Secretary’s Note: John should calls us/email us when he has enough to send the thank you’s out.)
WEDNESDAY II SCHEDULE: The Wednesday II schedule for Fall is complete and is being distributed as part of the Newsletter. That mailing also indicates the Wednesday II session for January by Phyllis Rappeport. Ziring will make a presentation in March and Nancy Falk has agreed to present some of her information on India in April. February is still open.

CAMPUS BUILDING TOURS: None of the new buildings will be ready during the Fall Semester. However, the new Chemistry building is predicted to be open sometime in the Winter/Spring Semester. Williams suggested that we might tour that building and combine it with our Spring Dinner as we did last year with the HHS building.

MEDALLION SCHOLAR: Houdek reminded us that we need to arrange a Lunch with the Sarah Hurd, the Emeriti Medallions Scholar.

OFF CAMPUS TRIP: The Council discussed ideas for the off-campus trip. It was agreed that although everyone like Brook Lodge, we should do something else at least for one year. Someone suggested Binder Park. The admission price of Binder Park might present a problem. There is a picnic area where box lunches could be eaten. Someone suggested the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. Someone suggested Henderson Castle. [Secretary’s Note: The admission to Binder Park Zoo is $8.95 for Seniors (65 or over) and $7.25 for each member of prearranged groups of more than 15 seniors. The admission price for the Kalamazoo Air Zoo is $17.50 for seniors (ages 60 and over) with 20% discounts for groups of 20 or more.]

PROMOTION OF WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY: Meyer indicated concern over the recent wave of publicity the University has been getting and wondered whether the emeriti could do something to improve the image of the University and the involvement of the University with the Kalamazoo community. The possibility of increased emphasis on life long learning was discussed. That led to discussion of possibly opening up Wednesday II to the public. That raised the question of where we might hold the sessions in the event we actually got a larger number of people. Someone suggested the Little Theatre as a possible place. That led someone else to inquire where non-university people might park.

POTENTIAL ALLIANCE WITH THE UNIVERSITY THEATRE GUILD: Houdek commented that the Theatre Guild is having some difficulty generating sufficient participation in the Stratford Tours. He wondered whether it would be mutually advantageous for the Emeriti Council to form an alliance with the Theatre Guild. Discussion ensued. (Secretary’s Note: The President of the University Theatre Guild is:

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Kalamazoo 49008,
383-2588
splemmons@ameritech.net.)

Respectfully Submitted, Phillip Caruso, Secretary
ADDENDUM TO TREASURER’s REPORT
Without detailed information from the President’s Office, we can only estimate how our expenditures have and will compare to the budget we were given. We have been told that the budget is for the calendar year, whereas most of us are used to academic year budgets.

EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2006 YEAR: By Caruso’s memory, since last January the Council has distributed the following(with estimated costs):
   a flyer indicating the Winter/Spring Semester Wednesdays II ($230)
   a reservation form for the Spring dinner (230)
   a reservation for the Brook Lodge Trip $230
   The ballot for new Council Members $330
   The WARF flyer on TIAA-CREF $330
   The Summer Newsletter $450 plus extra postage of about $120
This should have entailed expenditures of about $2,000. We have committed the expenditure of $1,000 for the Fall Forum and our budget is $4,000. The next mailing will be the Newsletter in December or January. If in January it will come from the 2007 budget.
MINUTES OF THE EMERITI COUNCIL MEETING OF September 12, 2006

John Houdek called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were: Phillip Caruso, Mary Cordier, Nancy Falk, Gus Gianakaris, Ruth Ann Meyer, and Molly Williams.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the July 11, 2006 meeting were accepted without correction, additions or deletions.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Houdek reported that the University will undertake a capital Campaign this year.

PRISM: Houdek has received a request for material for the next issue of PRISM. He indicated that he would prepare some material.

ON-CAMPUS TOUR: Williams reported that the only new building which will be opening this year is the new Chemistry Building. Combining a tour of that building with the Spring Emeriti dinner seems appropriate.

THE FALL FORUM: The Forum Committee is continuing its efforts to promote the forum.

TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIPS: The first batch of thank you notes to donors to the Textbook Scholarship fund have gone out. Donations totaled about $6500, enough for about 13 scholarships of $250 for the fall and then again for the Spring (formerly Winter) Semester. That is about the same as last year. Because of personnel changes in the office responsible for seeing that the scholarship funds are disbursed, there was a delay in disbursing the funds.

WIDOWED SPOUSES OF 25 YEAR CLUB MEMBERS: Houdek reported that he has received two requests from widowed spouses for invitations to the 25 year Dinner.

NEWSLETTER: Caruso was asked about the next newsletter and reported that the plans are to send out the next newsletter in early January. Because the President’s Office is very busy in the last two weeks of the Fall Semester, to get the newsletter out before Christmas would require that we actually do it before Thanksgiving. That was why we announced the Wednesdays II for January in the Fall newsletter. In the next newsletter we need to include the Wednesdays II for February, March and April, the date and description of the Spring Dinner and On-Campus Tour and the Off-campus Tour and the Break-Fast. (At the appropriate times, we will also need to send out invitations for the Dinner and tours and Break-Fast since people will need to sign up and send in money.)

AAUP-WARF: Falk reported on the activities of the Western Association of Retired Persons. WARF is considering a series on medical care (including long term care) and a forum at which retired faculty would share their concerns about WMU. In addition, Ahmad Issa has volunteered to again conduct small group and individual discussions on estate planning and portfolio allocation, if there is sufficient information. Last year two groups of 6 took advantage of his offer.
WEDNESDAY II SCHEDULE: Wednesdays II programs have been scheduled for January (Phyllis Rappeport) March (Ray Ziring) and April (Nancy Falk). The first has already appeared in the Fall Newsletter and the others will be sent out in the next newsletter. Someone suggested that John Petro might be willing to do one on Ghana in February. Harold and Shirley Ray were also suggested but it is unlikely they will be available at that time. It was suggested to Falk that emeriti would be interested in something about the Hindu community in Kalamazoo.

MEDALLION SCHOLAR: Houdek reminded us that we want to arrange a Lunch with the Sarah Hurd, the Emeriti Medallions Scholar. He will contact Ms Hurd to arrange the lunch. He reminded us that the Council had arranged to provide an additional sum of funds from the Emeriti Medallion Scholarship Fund to Ms Hurd. Personnel changes in the administration delayed the disbursement of the extra funds but apparently the problem has been solved.

OFF CAMPUS TRIP: Cordier reported that, as requested, she had inquired about using the Henderson Castle as the Council’s Off-Campus trip in the Spring of 2007. She reported on the prices and it was the consensus that prices were much too expensive for our trip. Having anticipated that consensus, Cordier had also gotten some information about the possibility of using the Ladies’ Library Association. Because of the difficulty of finding parking during the day in downtown Kalamazoo, it was decided that a dinner made more sense. She asked the Council if the members would approve a dinner at the Ladies’ Library for Wednesday, May 9. The price would be about $15 per person. She did point out that the Library is not handicap accessible, but pointed out that at last year’s Brook Lodge outing she had noticed no person using a walker or wheelchair. The Council members present approved Cordier’s proposal.

BREAK-FEST: Gianakaris reported that the Break-Fest went well and that Ed Callan was pleased to make the presentation. It was agreed that although it was more expensive this year (because we didn’t subsidize it as in the previous year) it did not appear to affect attendance.

EMERITI THEATRE NIGHT: The Emeriti Theatre night is Thursday, October 5. The play is The Lion in Winter. Discussion ensued as to how to improve out theatre night activities to encourage participation. There was talk about combining a dinner with a play as the University Theatre Guild has done in the past.

REMINDERS: It was agreed that Caruso should assemble reminders of the Flu Clinic, the Theatre Night and the Forum and ask Shannon Landis to send the reminders out to those who have elected electronic delivery of the communications from the Council. It was also agreed that in the future, members of the Council should be sent reminders of meetings by email. Meyer volunteered to see if a reminder of the flu clinic could be placed in a future issue of the Western News.

Respectfully Submitted, Phillip Caruso, Secretary
MINUTES OF THE EMERITI COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2006

Houdek called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were: Phillip Caruso, Mary Cordier, Nancy Falk, Gus Gianakaris, Ruth Heinig, John Houdek, Phil Kramer, Peter Kobrak, Ruth Ann Meyer, Donna Oas, and Molly Williams.

Acceptance of Agenda: The agenda was accepted as distributed.

Approval of Minutes of Sept 12, 2006: It appears that some of the minutes Caruso had distributed by email had not actually arrived in the appropriate e-mail boxes. Having discovered this, Caruso had brought printed copies of the September 12 minutes. Since no one had had a chance to read them, they were accepted tentatively. Caruso agreed to get copies of the possibly missing minutes to the other members of the Council.

Updates and Reports:

Emeriti Textbook Scholarship Fund: Houdek reported that our efforts have so far raised enough to grant 13 scholarships for the Fall and Spring Semesters. The second letter is about to be sent out and we hope to raise enough for 8 to 10 more.

Flu Clinic: Meyer reported on the cancellation of the Emeriti Flu Clinic and discussion ensued as to how we ought to announce the Clinic in the future. It was concluded that we should no longer attempt to arrange the publishing of the summer newsletter to announce the flu clinic date. Meyer reported that Emeriti can always just turn up at Sindecuse to obtain a flu shot when they are available. Appointments are not needed. The available hours for flu shots are the regular hours of Sindecuse except for the time period of 11 to 1.

Exploring Our Campus: The new Chemistry Building will not be open in time for a tour this Spring. However, the new Richmond Arts Center will be. Heinig and Williams had toured the new building which will be dedicated in the early part of what was formerly Winter Semester. The new building has the space for a reception and even a dinner. We already have a number of events in that period. In addition to the On-Campus Tour, we have the Spring dinner scheduled for May 9th and the retirement dinner sponsored by the Senate which is apparently scheduled for May 17th. They questioned whether we should try and combine the On-Campus tour with Emeriti Theatre night. There was a consensus that we should combine these two. It was agreed that in the future we should try and schedule the On-Campus Tour for the Fall Semester to reduce the calendar congestion.

Lunch with Medallion Scholar: Ehrle has arranged a lunch with Ms Hurd for Monday, November 20 at the Black Swan. Those who would like to attend should call Ehrle at 375-1953.

Emeriti Newsletter: Caruso indicated that he has all of the descriptions of for the Wednesdays II for the Winter/Spring Semester and the dates for the Spring dinner. He indicated a desire to at least include the dates for the other events so that Emeriti could put them on their calendars. It was suggested that if we could then get the information for all of the reservation forms for the other events we could send them out all at once.
AAUP/WARF: Falk reported on the activities of WARF including the recent emails which may have helped get the reduction in the increased fees for retiree health benefits. It was agreed that we should probably assist WARF in obtaining more members. In the past we have announced how to join WARF in the newsletter. Caruso agreed to contact Arthur Falk to get accurate information as to the role of WARF in getting the reduction in the increase in fees and try to inform the emeriti as to the importance of WARF.

University Theatre Specials: [At the time of the meeting we had not received approval of our Emeriti Theatre Night for Thursday April 12. We have now received approval of this date from the Director of Audience Services.]

Off-Campus Events: We are scheduled to have dinner at the Ladies Library Association on Wednesday, May 9.

Our 2006 Forum: Kobrak reported on the Forum. Seventy-five to 100 people attended. Responses were good. The panel did a good job. There was good feedback. We also got some useful publicity about what the Council is all about.

Wednesday IIs: It was decided that we should reserve the lounge in Waldo for the Holiday party. This will require that we arrange for folding chairs. Cordier passed around a list for people to bring cookies and other refreshments for the event.

Retirement Dinner: The Retirement Dinner that is sponsored by the Faculty Senate will be held May 17th. Heinig is arranging for a speaker to represent the Emeriti.

25 Year Club: Several widows/widowers or emeriti thanked the Council for facilitating their invitation to the 25 Year Club Event.

Nominations: Meyer pointed out that at the January 9th meeting of the Council we should start assembling nominations for the new members of the Council. The members were instructed to think about possibilities. Houdek agreed to get a list of this year’s retirees.

Other Business:
Reaching Out to Faculty: Most of the faculty do not know about the Emeriti Council. How can we make them aware of our group and what we may someday mean to them. Presently, we send nothing to the Faculty Senate. It was agreed that we should send them our newsletter and our minutes.
Ideas for a 2008 Forum: Kobrak suggested that we might have a forum on Moving to An Ideal University, What Steps might WMU Take?. He thought someone else might already be doing something along these lines. Someone thought it might be the Ethics Center.

Respectfully Submitted, Phil Caruso

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, December 13: Wednesday II: Holiday Gathering at 2:00
Tuesday, January 9: Council Meeting at 2:00
Wednesday, January 10: Wednesday II: Phyllis Rappeport at 2:00
Wednesday, February 14: Wednesday II: John & Joyce Petro at 2:00
Tuesday, March 13: Council Meeting at 2:00
Wednesday, March 14: Wednesday II: Larry Ziring at 2:00
Wednesday, April 11: Wednesday II: Nancy Falk at 2:00

Thursday, April 12: Emeriti Theatre Night at 8:00 (and tentatively On-Campus Tour of Richmond Art Center)
Tuesday, May 8: Council Meeting at 2:00
Wednesday, May 9: Emeriti Spring Dinner at Ladies Library Association
May 17: Faculty Senate Retirement Dinner

??? Break-Fest