WMU Emeriti Council

Minutes
May 10, 2011 at 2 p.m.


I. Reports and updates
   A. Life Long Learning open house is scheduled for Wed. May 18 at CHHS 4010 from 4-6 p.m.
      i. Spring semester had 280 registrations and was 10 times better than anticipated.
      ii. Office of Extended University Programs has done a great job.
      iii. $2,000 was earned when anticipation was a financial loss
      iv. A small group of offerings is scheduled for summer with more coming in the fall.
      v. Looking for other sites off-campus
      vi. Office is in Elsworth
   B. Election results
      i. New members are Ruth Ann Meyer and Kenneth Dickey
      ii. We no longer elect alternates
   C. Officers for 2011-12
      i. Arnie Johnston Chair
      ii. Donna Oas Vice Chair
      iii. Judith Halseth Secretary/Newsletter editor
   D. Newsletter will be out in the fall
   E. Break-Fest is set for August 10 at Fetzer Center and Gus will help Donna choose menu
   F. Wednesday II’s schedule was distributed
      i. Suggestions for increasing attendance were discussed
         1. Announce next meeting each time
         2. Have sign-in list at each meeting with email
         3. Email reminder of meetings to those who listed emails.
      ii. Invite new retirees at retirement dinner
   G. Medallion Scholars
i. We continue with Emily Wacyk and Joshua Kallen with a third to be appointed later
ii. Paper work for the third has been lost
iii. Larry Opplinger will help with this

II. New business
   A. Bob Beam stated that we have a technology problem among retirees.
   B. Need to find a technological savvy person to help us
   C. Linda Law has tried, but she needs help
   D. Art Smith could know someone to help manage our web site

III. D. Terry will revise stationery and mail letter about Text book scholarships
   A. He distributed a chart with report from the last 7 years
   B. Susan Beal administers these scholarships

Respectfully submitted,

Donna B. Oas
WMU Emeriti Council

Minutes
July 12, 2011 at 2 p.m.

Present: Ken Dickie, C. J. Gianakaris, Judith Halseth, William McCarty, Ruth Ann Meyer, and Donna Oas. Meeting led by Vice Chair, Donna Oas.

I. May 10 minutes approved by Ruth Ann

II. Reports and updates
   A. Lifelong Learning Academy
      1. Open house, Wednesday, August 24, 4-6 p.m., Health and Human Services Atrium.
   B. Newsletter
      1. Scheduled for fall—Judy.
   C. Wednesday II
      2. Ruth Ann will work on coordinating, with help from Ken and Ron.
      3. Nametags and sign-in list—Judy will coordinate.
      4. Will we do more to reach out to newest retired emeriti?
   D. Break-Fest
      1. (Mailing with registration form and list of Wednesday II meetings for Fall, 2011 was mailed to emeriti about July 12.)
      2. Wednesday, August 10, Fetzer Center, 8:30 a.m., $15 per person.
      3. Tim Light, “More than Shadow Puppets and Scrolls. What is Asian Art?”
      4. Who will deliver the “Welcome”? 
   E. Website
      1. Ruth Ann is taking care of the website.
   F. Medallion Scholars
      1. A third scholar has been added.
   G. Emeriti Book Fund
      1. What is the status of the solicitation letter?

III. Next meeting, Tuesday, September 13 (not August 9).
   A. Secretary will send email reminder a few days before.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith H. Halseth

I. Program on Adult Day Care, located at Oakland & Centre, presented by Laura Latiolais and Dawn VanderPloeg, sponsored by HospiceCare.

II. July 12 minutes approved

III. Reports and updates
A. Lifelong Learning Academy
   1. Open house well attended on Wednesday, August 24.
   2. Terry, LLA Advisory Board Chair, reported enrollment for fall courses is strong, with two courses cancelled.
   3. New Director of LLA: Sharon Seabrook Russell.
   4. Suggest names for future instructors to Ron, Terry, or Ruth Heinig.
   5. Spring 2012 brochure will be available November 1.
B. Newsletter
   1. Judy is working on fall issue, waiting for bio info from three Medallion Scholars.
   2. Shannon Landis divides her time between United Way and the President’s office. This may delay the newsletter, since she prints it.
   3. Work session for preparing mailing—To Be Announced.
   4. Judy should send newsletter and approved minutes to Bradley Horstman, website manager.
C. Wednesday II
   2. Ron, assisted by Linda, Ken, and Ruth Ann, are working on future programs.
   3. Linda will make Wednesday II additions and corrections to website.
   4. Judy sent e-mails to newest retirees and to those who attended May 11 and August 10, with info about Stan’s presentation.
   5. Gus reminded that programs should be time-limited, to end by 3 p.m.
   6. Sandra pointed out the importance of socialization time.
D. Break-Fest
   1. Held August 10, with about 70 attendees.
   2. Program should be limited to 30 minutes.
3. Donna will reserve for August 8, 2012.
4. Possible speaker to contact: Marilyn Schlack.

E. List-Serve
   1. Judy should follow-up with updates and corrections.

F. Medallion Scholars
   1. Larry reported on contacts with Emily Wacyk, senior; Josh Kallen, junior; and Alyssa Murray, freshman; they will submit bio sketches for the fall newsletter.
   2. Planning lunch date for the Scholars and a few Emeriti Council members.
   3. Donations are always welcome!

G. Emeriti Textbook Scholarship
   1. Solicitation letter mailed July, 2011. Donations are always welcome!
   2. According to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, $12,000 is available to award to 30 students @ $400 for fall textbooks.

H. Flu Clinic
   1. Sandra announced the Flu Clinic for Emeriti will be held Wednesday, October 5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Sindecuse Health Center.

IV. Next meeting, Tuesday, November 8, 2 p.m., in temporary location: Bertha Davis Room, first floor Walwood Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith H. Halseth

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Minutes
November 8, 2011, 2 p.m.
Bertha Davis Room, Walwood Hall


Presentation by Joe Reish, Dean of Libraries: Info on United Way campaign, and encouragement for Emeriti to continue to support United Way.

1. September 13, 2011 minutes approved

2. Reports and updates
   a. Lifelong Learning Academy: Terry, LLA Advisory Board Chair, reported new catalog available about January 1, 2012. Instead of an LLA “open house,” a “Winter Gathering” potluck is planned for February 23, chaired by Ron Crowell and Jo Arnold. Several instructors gave brief a synopsis of their courses.

   b. Nominating Committee: Bob Boughner reviewed the list of 5 going off the Emeriti Council, and the group generated a list of eight possible nominees for the spring 2012 election.

   c. BreakFest: Wednesday, August 8, 8:30 a.m. Fetzer Center (After the meeting Donna Oas, made reservation) Possible speaker to invite: Marilyn Schlack (who will invite?)

   d. Wednesday II: Short Discussion. Do we want to continue Wednesday IIs?

   e. Emeriti Textbook Scholarships: 30 students received $400 for books, with no letter notifying them of the source. Terry will follow through. Terry will invite Jody Laraway for January 10 Emeriti Council meeting. Members expressed interested in criteria for awards. The textbook program was established in 2005, under John Houdek. Emeriti have contributed $56,000 over six years.

   f. Wednesday II, December 14: Dr. Hal B. Jenson, Dean, WMU School of Medicine. Emeriti Council will bring treats—cookies, crackers & cheese, fruit, etc. Sandy and Terry will bring champagne punch.

3. Next meeting, Tuesday, January 10, 2 p.m. Heinig Emeriti Lounge, Walwood Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Judith H. Halseth, Ed.D.