WMU EMERITI COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 2 p.m.
(Rescheduled from January 12, 2016)
Walwood Commons, West Walwood Hall


Absent: Jim Bosco, Sandra Edwards, John Houdek, Garrard Macleod, Joyce Zastrow

1. Welcome & Announcements.
The meeting started at 3:10pm. Andy Brogowicz thanked David Peterson for chairing the Council from January through December, 2015. It was noted that emeriti Anthony Gioia (Mathematics) passed away on January 4.

2. There were no adjustments to the agenda

3. The minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting were approved with corrections.

4. Treasurer’s Report was given by Larry Schlack. Revenues from the Wine-Tasting event were $456, while expenditures were $822.80. Our account balance as of January 12 was $4,403.89.

5. Rooms for Council Meetings and Wednesday IIs
All regularly scheduled 2016 Council meetings will be held in the Heinig Emeriti Lounge in West Walwood Hall. The Zhang Legacy Center is preferred over the Heinig Emeriti Lounge for next fall’s Wednesday II sessions because it has some audiovisual equipment, the furniture is already set up, and coffee is provided. Using a room at the Fetzer Center would cost $180 plus $5 per person for each meeting. Parking would be a problem at the Bernhard Center. It was suggested that Andy Brogowicz explore the possibility of using the Health and Human Services building.

6. Procedural Checklists to Facilitate Year-to-Year Continuity
Andy Brogowicz suggested that we consider creating a manual to help new members understand the role and procedures of the Council, including contact lists and checklists for tasks performed by the chair, treasurer, secretary, webmaster, newsletter editor, fundraising committee and events planning committee.

7. Emeriti Newsletter – Larry Schlack
   a) “Going Paperless” survey results. Up to 80 emeriti would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter. 78 indicated a willingness to accept electronic copies. There are about 600 emeriti in total, so we have many non-respondents. We will send the electronic version to everyone except those who requested a paper copy.
   c) Planning for Spring 2016 Edition. Larry will issue deadlines and requests for writing various sections of the newsletter.


8. **Emeriti Website**
   David Peterson indicated that the benefits of being an emeriti should be added to the website. Andy Brogowicz noted that the Fall 2015 newsletter and the minutes of the September and November meetings need to be put on the website.

9. **Fundraising** – Andy Brogowicz, Emily Hoffman & John Houdek
   a) Emeriti Council Book Scholarships. We raised $8,315 during the fall semester, an increase of $2,160 over the previous fall.
   b) Emeriti Medallion Scholarships. Our endowment balance was $1,060,012 as of 9/30/15 but has probably declined since then due to the stock market decline. Trustee J. Michael Kemp first proposed the Medallion Scholarship Program in 1983, and the first 5 Medallions were awarded in 1984. The first Emeriti Medallion Scholarship was awarded in 1985. Our fund became endowed in March 1988, and its Declaration of Intent was amended in April 2009 following a gift of $640,000 from the estate of emerita Helen G. Sellers. Subsequently, it has been possible to fund more than one Emeriti Medallion Scholar at a time. Andy Brogowicz distributed a list of the 12 Emeriti Medallion Scholars who have been funded to date. The amount of the Medallion Scholarships will be increased to $60,000 for the 2016-17 academic year.

10. **Medallion Scholars** – Larry Schlack
    Our 3 current Medallion Scholars are Garret Gagnon (2012-13), Ana Morales (2013-14), and Aisha Thaj (2015-16). Larry will try to arrange a luncheon with them at the Park Club in February.

11. **Council Election** – Andy Brogowicz, Emily Hoffman, Garrard Macleod & Nancy Schullery
    a) Retiring from the Council after serving two 2-year terms: David Peterson, Emily Hoffman, Hal Ray and John Houdek
    b) Seeking re-election for a second 2-year term: Garrard Macleod, John Geisler and Joyce Zastrow
    c) Judith Halseth and Peter Krawutschke have agreed to run as candidates for election.
    d) Ideally we need candidates from CEAS, Aviation, and/or CAS. David Peterson will try to find an engineering candidate, while Andy Brogowicz will contact a couple people from CAS.
    e) The election will be held in March or April. We plan to mail paper ballots to emeriti with a return address label or envelope. We will also enclose a list of coming events, and we will need an envelope stuffing party.

12. **Coming Events**: - David Peterson, Jim Bosco, John Geisler, Garrard Macleod, Larry Schlack, Nancy Schullery & Joyce Zastrow,
    a) Feedback on December 9 Holiday Wine Tasting. The holiday wine-tasting event went well. We had 38 registrants, 21 less than the previous year. Some emeriti had another event on the same evening.
    b) Wednesday II’s:
        Jan 13 – Tom Dietz, “Sins of Kalamazoo” Canceled due to snowy weather. Nancy Schullery contacted Tom and he has been tentatively rescheduled for September 14.
        Feb 10 – Dan Gustin, “Pianos R Us” (Larry will introduce Dan)
        Mar 9 – Joe Reish, “Encountering Things French in the *New Yorker* Cartoons”
        Apr 13 – Harold Glasser, “WMU’s Office for Sustainability” [at OFS building]
        May 11 – Michele Behr, “Libraries in the Age of the Internet” (Tentative Title)
Sep 14 – TENTATIVE: Tom Dietz, “Sins of Kalamazoo”
Oct 12 – TBD (Andy will check with Stan and Helenan Robin)
Nov 9 – TBD
Dec 7– Holiday Wine Tasting. It was decided to hold the wine-tasting on Dec. 7 rather than Dec. 14. The KVCC Culinary School, the Kalamazoo Foundation and the Fetzer Center were mentioned as possible locations. Andy Brogowicz will check on Heritage Hall.
c) Emeriti Break-Fest – Aug 10
   - Dr. David Montgomery, Bronco Marching Band Director, will be our speaker.
   Andy Brogowicz will invite President & Mrs. Dunn.

a) Emcee: Frank Jamison
b) Welcomer: Judith Halseth
c) Responder: New emeriti TBD when a list of this year’s retirees is available.
   We should promote the Retirement Dinner at our Wednesday IIs,

14. OLLI
   a) Hal Ray’s term as Emeriti Council rep on the OLLI Advisory Board ended in December. The Council thanked Hal for his service.
   b) Judith Halseth has been appointed to replace Hal on the OLLI Advisory Board.

15. Faculty Senate Representatives - David Peterson 2015-16, Andy Brogowicz 2015-17 & Peter Krawutschke 2015-18
   a) We need to appoint a representative to serve 3-year term (2016-19), replacing David Peterson. Need new person in May.
   b) An Ad Hoc General Education Committee is working on changes to the General Education requirements, and an on-line curriculum change process is being implemented.

16. Other Committee Reports, Updates or New Business
   It was moved and seconded that the Emeriti Council will invite new emeriti and their spouses/partners to be our guests at the Annual Emeriti Break-Fest, and that the Emeriti Council will agree to pay half the cost of a one-year membership in OLLI to new emeriti if they choose to enroll. The motion passed.

17. Around the Table

18. Adjournment at 3:40pm.

Next meeting: March 8, 2016, Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 2:00 pm

Submitted by Emily Hoffman, Secretary
Edited by Andy Brogowicz, Co-Chair
1. Welcome & Announcements. Louise Forsleff’s husband Richard Weaver passed away. Pat Lemanski had a pacemaker installed.

2. The agenda was accepted.

3. The minutes of January 19, 2016 meeting were approved.

4. Treasurer’s Report – Larry Schlack. The wine tasting is not self-funding, even though we charge $12 per attendee. The net cost is $416.80.

5. Rooms for Council Meetings and Wednesday IIs – Andy Brogowicz. The emeriti lounge is scheduled and reserved for Wednesday IIs starting January 2017. We will schedule the Fall 2016 programs in the Zhang building. Coffee and snacks are not allowed in the HHS building, so we will not be using it.

6. Emeriti Newsletter – Larry Schlack
   a) There have been unexpected complications with “going paperless.” We do not have e-mail addresses for many of the emeriti and Western’s email migration has been delayed, so we will use paper newsletters for now.
   b) Planning for Spring 2016 Edition. We will have our next newsletter in April with the folding party on April 19 at 10 am if possible, and otherwise April 22. Larry will send us writing assignments.

7. Emeriti Website – David Peterson. There was no report.

8. Fundraising – Andy Brogowicz, Emily Hoffman & John Houdekk
   a) Emeriti Council Book Scholarships. We awarded $8,000 this semester. We received $9,315 in gifts during the fall semester.
   b) Emeriti Medallion Scholarships. We have 3 students we are funding. Garrett Gagnon will be graduating. The amount of the Medallions will be increased to $60,000 this coming fall.
9. **Medallion Scholars** – Larry Schlack. Larry has had difficulty arranging a luncheon with our students.

10. **Council Election** – Andy Brogowicz, Emily Hoffman, Garrard Macleod & Nancy Schullery
    a) Retiring from the Council after serving two 2-year terms: David Peterson, Emily Hoffman, Hal Ray and John Houdek
    b) Seeking re-election for a second 2-year term: Garrard Macleod, John Geisler and Joyce Zastrow
    c) Willing to run for election: Judith Halseth and Peter Krawutschke. We need more names before we send out a ballot.
    d) Ideally need candidates from CEAS, Aviation and/or CAS
    e) There will be a mail ballot and a folding party will be needed.

11. **Coming Events:** - David Peterson, Jim Bosco, John Geisler, Garrard Macleod, Larry Schlack, Nancy Schullery & Joyce Zastrow,
    A tour of KVCC’s new building, the Culinary Arts building, may be possible for a Wednesday II program. Sustainable brewing is another possible topic. Growlers (baseball) is a possible topic. Aging Services at WMU is another topic. Lynn Houghton could speak on Kalamazoo architecture, on photographers of Kalamazoo life, or history of neighborhoods. SW Michigan land conservancy could be a topic.
    a) Wednesday II’s:
        Mar 9 – Joe Reish, “Encountering Things French in the *New Yorker* Cartoons”
        Apr 13 – Harold Glasser, “WMU’s Office for Sustainability” [at OFS building]
        May 11 – Michele Behr, “Libraries in the Age of the Internet”
        Sep 14 – Tom Dietz, “Sins of Kalamazoo” (Tentative)
        Oct 12 – Helenan Robin, “Gods, Goddesses, and Homer’s *Iliad*”
        Nov 9 – TBD
        Dec 7 – Holiday Wine Tasting (location TBD at WMU)
        Jan 11 – TBD
        Feb 8 – TBD
        Mar 8 – TBD
        Apr 12 – TBD
        May 10 – Stan Robin, “Mosaic” (Monologues)

12. **Retirement Dinner** – May 26, 2016
    a) Emcee: Frank Jamison
    b) Welcomer: Judith Halseth
    c) Responder: New emeriti TBD
13. **Faculty Senate Representatives** - David Peterson 2015-16, Andy Brogowicz 2015-17 & Peter Krawutschke 2015-18
   a) Need to appoint a representative to serve 3-year term (2016-19), replacing David Peterson.
   b) Richard Cooper (Occupational Therapy) has offered to serve. We approved this.

14. **Adjournment at 3:20 pm.**

   **Next meeting: May 10, 2016, Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 2:00 pm**

Minutes submitted by Emily Hoffman and edited by Andy Brogowicz.

2. **Welcome & Announcements.** Andy Brogowicz welcomed the newly-elected and re-elected members, thanked the departing members for their service, and distributed information about the Emeriti Council.

3. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved.

4. **Approval of March 8, 2016 Minutes.** The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

5. **Council Election Results** – Andy Brogowicz:
   
   a) Elected to two-year terms: Judith Halseth, Peter Krawutschke, Don Nelson and Darryl Salisbury
   b) Re-elected to second-two-year terms: Garrard Macleod, John Geisler and Joyce Zastrow
   c) Remaining on Council: Jim Bosco, Andy Brogowicz, Sandra Edwards, Larry Schlack, and Nancy Schullery
   d) Retiring from Council: David Peterson, Emily Hoffman, Hal Ray and John Houdek

6. **Treasurer’s Report** – by Larry Schlack. The Emeriti Council’s fund balance is $3,106.35. Brogowicz distributed copies of President Dunn’s letter dated January 2016, 2015, in which he approved an itemized 2015-16 budget allocation of $3,270.00 for the Emeriti Council. The letter stipulated that the Emeriti Council's annual holiday wine-tasting event will be held on campus using WMU services. Following a discussion of the budget and this year’s expenditure, it was moved and seconded that the Council discontinue the current practice of donating $50 to the Emeriti Book Scholarship Fund in recognition of each Wednesday II speaker, effective with the start of the 2016-17 fiscal year. The motion passed.

7. **Emeriti Newsletter** – Larry Schlack. We had a folding party for the Spring 2016 newsletter on April 20. We publish 2 issues per year (Fall and Spring). Our attempt to go to an electronic (paperless) newsletter did not work out. There are too many emeriti and spouses who either do not use email or whose email addresses are not included in the emeriti email distribution list that WMU administers for the Emeriti Council.
8. **Emeriti Website** – David Peterson. The website needs to be updated with the Spring newsletter and the names and contact information of the 2016-17 council members.

9. **Fundraising** – Andy Brogowicz. Updated fund reports were not available for this meeting.

   a) Emeriti Council Book Scholarships. Twenty Emeriti Book Scholarships of $400 each were awarded for the Spring 2016 Semester. Close to $10,000 has been raised for the 2016-17 academic year.

   b) Emeriti Medallion Scholarships. Medallion scholarships will be increased from $50,000 to $60,000 in 2016-17. Twelve Emeriti Medallion Scholarships have been awarded since 1985. The Emeriti Medallion Scholarship Fund has grown to over $1 million and is now large enough to award a new Medallion scholarship in three successive years out of every four-year period. The fund needs to grow by about $250,000 to enable a new Emeriti Medallion Scholarship to be awarded every year.

10. **Medallion Scholars** – Larry Schlack. Larry, Andy, David and Judy Halseth attended a luncheon at the Park Club with Medallion scholar Garrett Gagnon on May 4. Garrett will be graduating this spring. Ana Morales is studying in Europe. Aisha Thai had a schedule conflict and could not attend the luncheon.

11. **Retirement Dinner** – May 26, 2016, 5:30 p.m., East Ballroom, Bernhard Center

   a) Emcee: Frank Jamison

   b) Welcomer: Judith Halseth

   c) Responder: Michael Pritchard

12. **Wednesday IIs:**

    May 11 – Michele Behr, “Libraries in the Age of the Internet,” Zhang LCC
    Sep 14 – Tom Dietz, “Sins of Kalamazoo” (Tentative), Zhang LCC
    Oct 12 – Helenan Robin, “Gods, Goddesses, and Homer’s *Iliad,*” Zhang LCC
    Nov 9 – Carol Sundberg, “WMU Aging Services,” Zhang LCC
    Dec 7 – Holiday Gathering, 5:00-7:00 p.m., location TBD
    **Jan 11 – TBD, Heinig Emeriti Lounge** -- Possibly Audiology
    **Feb 8 – TBD, Heinig Emeriti Lounge**
    **Mar 8 – TBD, Heinig Emeriti Lounge** -- Lynn Houghton will be asked to speak on local architecture
    Apr 12 – John Korycki, “KVCC Culinary Program” (at KVCC Culinary Building)
    May 10 – Stan Robin, “Mosaic” (Monologues), Heinig Emeriti Lounge

13. **August 10 -- Emeriti Break-Fest, 8:30 a.m., Fetzer Center -- David Montgomery, “An Inside Look at the Bronco Marching Band”**
14. **Faculty Senate.** Richard Cooper (Occupational Therapy) is the new emeriti representative on the Faculty Senate, replacing David Peterson. Andy Brogowicz and Peter Krawutschke are the two other emeriti representatives.

15. **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.** No report.

16. **Adjournment of 2015-16 Emeriti Council** at 3:05 pm

**2016-17 COUNCIL AGENDA**

1. **Present:** Andy Brogowicz, Sandra Edwards, Peter Krawutschke, Garrard Macleod, Don Nelson, Darryl Salisbury, Larry Schlack, Nancy Schullery. **Not present:** Jim Bosco, John Geisler, Judith Halseth, Joyce Zastrow. **Guests:** Emily Hoffman, David Peterson.

2. **Election of Officers for 2016-17**
   - a) Chair: Andy Brogowicz
   - b) Vice Chair: Sandra Edwards (July-December) and Peter Krawutschke (January-June)
   - c) Treasurer: Larry Schlack
   - d) Secretary: Nancy Schullery
   - e) Newsletter Editor: Larry Schlack
   - f) Webmaster: Don Nelson
   - g) Programs Committee Chair: To be determined (Committee: Garrard MacLeod, Nancy Schullery and others to be named)
   - h) Retirement Dinner and Nominations Chair: Judith Halseth

3. **Adjournment** at 3:15 pm

**Next Council Meeting: July 12, 2016, Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 2:00 pm**

Minutes submitted by Emily Hoffman and edited by Andy Brogowicz
Members present: Andrew Brogowicz, Chair; Sandra Edwards, Vice Chair; John Geisler, Judith Halseth, Peter Krawutschke, Larry Schlack, Nancy Schullery, Joyce Zastrow.

Absent: James Bosco, Garrard MacLeod, Don Nelson, Darryl Salisbury

The agenda was approved. Moved: Larry Schlack; seconded: Nancy Schullery

Minutes of May 10, 2016 were approved. Acceptance moved: Larry Schlack; seconded: Judy Halseth.

Welcome & Announcements – Andy Brogowicz welcomed Judy Halseth and John Geisler, who could not attend the May meeting.

Announcements: Andy B. sent welcome letters with Break-Fest registration forms to new emeriti. David Peterson delivered the Emeriti Council’s ink-jet printer to Andy before the meeting.

We have a budget of $250 for a locking file cabinet and need to keep checking WMU surplus sales. The Emeriti Lounge still houses several pieces of furniture that belong to the Graduate College.

Treasurer’s Report – Larry Schlack

President Dunn’s office balance shown on financial report is $2942.69 as of July 12, 2016.

Andy Brogowicz reviewed his summary of Emeriti Council Revenue and Expenses prepared for President Dunn. The cost for the wine tasting exceeded the amount collected for reservations @$12; however, we are reluctant to raise attendees’ cost and risk further reduction in attendance. We did stay within our 2015-16 budget of $3500.

Emeriti Newsletter - Larry Schlack

Next newsletter will be in fall.

Emeriti Website – Don Nelson, webmaster, was absent. The website contains a lot of outdated and inaccurate information. Andy will work with Don to update the website.

Fundraising & Scholarships – Andy Brogowicz

a) Emeriti Council Book Scholarships: The Fund totals $10,261 as of May 16, 2016. The 2015-16 gift receipts increased significantly from the prior year. We’ve instructed the Scholarship Office to award 25 scholarships of $400 each for the 2016-17 academic year.

Emeriti Medallion Scholarships

Medallion scholarship fund total is $1,118,633 as of May 31, 2016.

New Emeriti Medallion scholar Sruthi Maneshkumar will be awarded $60,000 to be paid over four years. Andy is pursuing an answer to whether our two existing Medallion scholars, Ana Morales and Aisha Thai, will have their awards increased from $12,500 to $15,000 for the 2016-17 academic year.

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There is some question as to whether existing scholar Anna Morales will graduate on schedule due to her illness this past year. We expect to have another Emeriti Medallion scholar named next year.

**Medallion Scholars**: Larry Schlack

Larry, Judy, David Peterson and Andy met with one of our Emeriti Medallion scholars, Garret Gagnon, for lunch at the Parkview Club in May. Garrett has graduated.

**Wed. II presentations**: We need presentations identified for January 11 and February 8. Those currently scheduled for 2016-17 include:

- Oct. 9 – Carol Sundberg, “WMU Aging Services,” Zhang LCC
- Nov. 9 – Helenan Robin, “Gods, Goddesses, and Homer’s Iliad,” Zhang LCC
- Dec. 7 – Holiday Gathering, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Fetzer Center
- Jan. 11 – TBD, Heinig Emeriti Lounge
- Feb. 8 – TBD, Heinig Emeriti Lounge
- March 8 – Lynn Houghton, "Walking Through Kalamazoo," Heinig Emeriti Lounge
- April 12 – John Korycki, “KVCC Culinary Program” (at KVCC Culinary Bldg.) Lunch will be available at own expense at the venue, 418 E. Walnut St. (next to Bronson Hospital).
- May 10 – Stan Robin, “Mosaic” (Monologues), Heinig Emeriti Lounge

Suggested speakers for Wed. II presentations:

- Sustainable brewing could draw an audience but not sure if this might be included in KVCC topic scheduled in April.
- Jim Bosco volunteered to speak on "Schools vs the World: Handicapping the Odds." Thesis is schools are out of date with today's world and run the risk of becoming irrelevant. It was generally agreed that Jim would make a great back-up speaker, should one of our scheduled speakers not to be able to make it on short notice.
- Sandra Edwards volunteered to speak on her ongoing research on the hand. She is willing to speak in Sept. 2017 but the group suggested the topic might be too narrow and academic for a general audience. Sandra graciously offered to contact someone about a talk on using and maintaining use of the hand as people age.
- The group discussed a session contrasting Friendship Village vs. high-rise living and other options. Judy Halseth pointed out that OLLI offers a 3 week course on the topic and our one hour format could be too limited.
- Andy suggested Ann Veeck's research on "Food Consumption in China." Ann has been recognized as #1 scholar on marketing in China for her 20+ years of research in the country.
- John Geisler suggested "Weird, Stupid and Crazy Highway signs" he has encountered in his travels. He will speak in January 2017.
- Larry suggested "Getting Started in Geneology."
- Stan and Helenan Robin have offered to speak on "Decline and Renaissance in the South Bronx." There was concern about interest in the topic and overexposure of the speakers.
- For the Break-Fest 2017, a potential topic is Medallion Scholarships by an Honors College representative.
Other suggestions included:

- Dave Curl, a photographer, is an "excellent" speaker.
- Rick Light, sculptor, is reputedly a "dynamite" speaker.
- Bob Ricci, School of Music, could do a remarkable job discussing Mozart while playing the piano.
- Gordon Bolar recently retired as manager of WMUK; maybe we could arrange a tour of the facility.

Emeriti Break-Fest, August 10, 2016 8:30 a.m., at Fetzer Center

David Montgomery, Marching Band Director, will give us “An Inside Look at the Bronco Marching Band.” Emeriti Council members should try to be present at 8:30 am to welcome attendees. Breakfast buffet will be available at 9 am. Speaker will begin about 10 am. Nancy Dyksterhouse will provide nametags and is checking on whether President Dunn can attend to give the welcome. Currently, registrations are minimal; we are trying to encourage attendance. Judy Halseth sent e-mail to 93 people (whose addresses she hand-typed). Thanks, Judy!

Feedback on Retirement Dinner:
Good speaker and entertainment. Attendance was down from 2015; we need to publicize date more in advance.

Feedback on Wine-Tasting & Holiday Gathering:
Too much time was devoted to lecturer speaking. Need more time to mingle and enjoy refreshments. Need more decorations, dimmed lights, and decor.

Faculty Senate Update – Andy Brogowicz and Peter Krawutschke:
Typical change of leadership formalities, as is customary with May meeting.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Updates – Judith Halseth
OLLI currently has about 900 members. Catalog for 54 fall courses due out in about a week.

New Business: None raised.

Around the Table: It was quiet.

Motion for adjournment: Moved: Larry Schlack; seconded: Joyce Zastrow.

Next meeting: September 13, 2016, Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 2:00 pm

Submitted by Nancy Schullery with editing by Andrew Brogowicz
WMU EMERITI COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016, 2 pm
Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 211 West Walwood Hall

Members present: Andrew Brogowicz, Chair; Darryl Salisbury, Don Nelson, James Bosco, Garrard MacLeod, Joyce Zastrow, Judith Halseth, Larry Schlack, Nancy Schullery, Peter Krawutschke.

Absent: Sandra Edwards (receiving award in FL), John Geisler

The agenda was approved. Moved: Larry Schlack; seconded: Darryl Salisbury

Minutes of July 2016 were approved. Acceptance moved: Larry Schlack; seconded: Judy Halseth.

Announcements – Andy Brogowicz noted he recently attended WMU's Association of Retired Faculty (WARF) meetings to explore working on concerns of mutual interest.

Treasurer's Report – Larry Schlack

The Emeriti Council's account balance in the Office of the President is $2,942.69 as of July 12, 2016.

The Emeriti Council Book Scholarship Fund totaled $10,261, as of July 1, 2016.

The Emeriti Medallion Scholarship Fund, as of July 1, 2016, was $1,118,633.

The $400 deposit made in error in April has not yet been removed.

Andy noted the total expenses of $1,011 for the Emeriti Break-Fest. An itemized invoice for the event was not provided to help us plan for next year. Andy will follow-up with Fetzer for an itemization of the charges. With expenses as shown, we lost money on the Break-Fest.

Fundraising & Scholarships – Andy Brogowicz

We have been informed that the Development Office will no longer be sending out a fall solicitation letter to all emeriti. Those who have contributed in 2015-16 will be contacted annually, in the month of their original gift. New emeriti will also be contacted. Andy noted that donations were significantly lower the year no solicitation letter was sent to the emeriti. We will continue to include a form in the Emeriti newsletter requesting donations.

Emeriti Medallion Scholarships: Larry noted that a few representatives of Emeriti Council meet for lunch with our current Medallion scholars each fall and spring. Action needed: Larry will contact the three students and determine a possible best date.

New Emeriti Medallion scholar Sruthi Maneshkumar will be awarded $60,000 over four years. Andy reported that because the University lacks the necessary funds to increase the annual awards from $12,500 to $15,000 for other Medallion scholars from prior years, it cannot approve our increasing the awards for our prior Emeriti Medallion scholars Ana Morales and Aisha Thaj.
Feedback on Emeriti Break-Fest and speaker, David Montgomery, Director of Marching Band at WMU: Speaker was informative; it was heartwarming to hear all David Montgomery does with students and how he engages their participation in this well-disciplined group. Band is comprised of students from all colleges. The Break-Fest buffet was good; Vice Provost Gilchrist did a good job at welcoming attendees. Fetzer did not deliver yogurt as ordered, nor were coffee and juice set up near entry for informal ease of access to facilitate emeriti mingling before buffet was served.

Emeriti Break-Fest 2017: August 9, 2017 is the date reserved for next year at Fetzer Center. Action needed: Someone will need to plan the arrangements and menu with Shannon Landis, making sure that a table with coffee and juice will be available near the room entrance.

Wed. II presentations: The schedule of presentations for 2016-17 is now complete. (See end)

Wine Tasting Emeriti Event: A room at Fetzer is reserved for Wed., Dec. 7 from 5-7 pm for this year’s event. Andy presented a spreadsheet showing we have lost money on the event in both 2014 and 2015, though less in 2015. We are reluctant to raise the price and risk a further reduction in attendance. The question of whether this event is appropriate to fulfilling our mission was raised, and the benefit of a social event was noted. To avoid future budget overruns, Peter suggested we explore soliciting sponsorships from local businesses. Perhaps a vendor whose target market includes senior citizens would be interested in (at least partially) funding the event.

Emeriti Newsletter - Larry Schlack
Next newsletter will be in fall. Larry presented a tentative schedule for proposed publication of the fall newsletter. Action needed: Larry will consult with Nancy Dyksterhouse as to her schedule and feasibility of the proposed schedule.

Emeriti Website –Andy suggested the Wed II schedule and Emeriti Council meeting minutes and agendas be updated. Action needed: Don will work with our WMU contact to get the updates completed.

Faculty Senate Update: Andy Brogowicz and Peter Krawutschke: Senate's first 2016-17 meeting is Oct. 2016.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Update: Judith Halseth relayed that 16 courses filled up in first few days of registration.

New Business

Wed II presentations in 2017-18. Andy distributed a list of suggested Wed. II speakers and the ideas were briefly discussed.

Action needed: Heinig Lounge in Walwood is booked for our Council meetings and Wednesday II sessions through November 2017. An Emeriti Council representative is needed to take responsibility for chairing Wed. II sessions in 2017-18, reserve a venue, and work with a committee to arrange speakers.
Action Needed: From the list of potential Wed II speakers circulated today, send your top six preferences to Nancy, who volunteered to compile our choices. Include any other suggestions.

Around the Table: Jim Bosco shared his experience meeting with Andy Brogowicz's son Michael, a WMU alum and executive at Electronic Arts in Redwood City CA. Jim travels with students, exploring games available for learning. Students were very impressed with the EA presentation and the company's capabilities; they left the presentation "as though walking on clouds."

Motion for adjournment: Moved: Darryl Salisbury; seconded: Peter Krawutschke.

Next meeting: November 8, 2016, Heinig Emeriti Lounge, Walwood Hall, 2:00 pm

Submitted by Nancy Schullery and edited by Andy Brogowicz

Wed. II Schedule of Presentations:


Oct. 12 – Helenan Robin, Professor Emerita of Political Science, “Gods, Goddesses, and Homer’s Iliad,” Zhang LCC

Nov. 9 – Carol Sundberg, Director, WMU Unified Clinics and Center for Disability Services, “WMU Aging Services,” Zhang LCC

Dec. 7 – Holiday Gathering and Wine Tasting, 5:00-7:00pm, Fetzer Center


Feb. 8 – Jane Baas, Interim Dean, Lee Honors College and Professor, WMU Department of Dance: "Western's Medallion Scholarship Program," Heinig Emeriti Lounge, Walwood

March 8 – Lynn Houghton, Regional History Curator, WMU Archives, "Walking Through Kalamazoo," Heinig Emeriti Lounge, Walwood

April 12 – John Korycki, “KVCC Culinary Program” (at KVCC Culinary Bldg.)

Lunch will be available at own expense at the venue, 418 E. Walnut St. (next to Bronson Hospital). Action needed: Larry will determine more details, including capacity, and whether a tour will be included. In comparison, an Osher Lifelong Learning Tour of the same facility starts at 10am (instead of our 2pm offering). An optional lunch is available at noon for both events, and requires advance registration.

May 10 – Stan Robin, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, “Mosaic” (Monologues), Heinig Emeriti Lounge, Walwood
Present: Andy Brogowicz, Chair; Jim Bosco, Sandra Edwards, Peter Krawutschke, Judy Halseth, Don Nelson, Larry Schlack, Nancy Schullery, Secretary; Joyce Zastrow.

Absent: John Geisler, Garrard McLeod, Darryl Salisbury.

1. Agenda was approved. Moved: Sandra Edwards; Seconded: Joyce Zastrow

2. September 13, 2016 Minutes were approved with minor correction. Moved: Judy Halseth; seconded: Peter Krawutschke.

3. Announcements – Andy Brogowicz
   a. Andy read a letter of warm appreciation to the Emeriti Council from President Dunn. He will be unable to attend the Holiday Party, as he and Mrs. Dunn will be out of the country.
   b. After two council members protested the absence of a means for Emeriti input to the presidential search committee, a meeting time has been designated for emeriti to provide their input on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 1:30pm in Bernhard Room 204. Judy will send the announcement to her distribution list; Andy will announce at Wed. II, send to Jason Long in Development Office for distribution, and take to WARF meeting. All encouraged to attend.
   c. Emeriti rep on Presidential Search Committee: Andy presented a flyer he developed. Group approved the flyer for distribution to publish.
   d. Hardy Figueroa, Director of Alumni Relations, has been invited to meet with us at the next Emeriti Council meeting on January 10 at 3pm to discuss partnering with the Emeriti Council on promoting trips abroad. Sandra suggested we come to the meeting with ideas and enthusiasm.

4. Treasurer’s Report – Larry Schlack
   Larry reported we have $2,353.94 as of Sept. 13, 2016 in our account with President Dunn's office.

5. Fundraising & Scholarships – Andy Brogowicz
   a) Emeriti Council Book Scholarships: We will be awarding twenty-five $400 book scholarships for the Spring 2017 Semester. Nicole Martinez is now WMU’s person responsible for administration of the book scholarships; Andy has informed her of the scholarship history. None were awarded for fall (an apparent oversight due to staffing changes) but Nicole promised they will be awarded in Spring 2017.
      The WMU Development Office is no longer sending out annual scholarship fund-raising letters on our behalf. Instead, they plan to send letters only to new emeriti and to past donors who did not donate last year. The new policy is to send a general reminder letter to last-year’s donors in the month of their past donation encouraging them to donate. Nobody on the Council recalls receiving such a reminder letter, and Andy expressed concern that our fall 2016 gift total may fall far short of our fall 2015 gift total.
   b) Emeriti Medallion Scholarships: A $60,000 Endowed Emeriti Medallion Scholarship was awarded for the 20167-17 academic year to Sruthi Rameshkumar from Naperville, IL.
6. **Emeriti Medallion Scholars – Larry Schlack**

We currently have three female scholars: senior, Ana Morales, sophomore Aisha Thaj, and freshman Sruthi Rameshkumar. Three representatives from the Emeriti Council will have their bi-annual lunch with the scholars at the Park Club on Fri., Nov. 4.

Andy announced that the Medallion Scholarship Competition will be held on December 2-3.

7. **Emeriti Newsletter – Larry Schlack**

A group comprised of a "loyal five people" appeared at the folding party held Thursday, Nov. 3 for the fall newsletter. Larry asked all to critique the newsletter at the next council meeting in Jan. Nancy Dyksterhouse is retiring and doesn't know who will take her place and be available for newsletter support. A suggestion was made that we take Nancy out to lunch and invite her to December wine tasting and holiday gathering.

In the spring newsletter, we plan to announce the faculty retirement dinner as well as who has been elected to serve on the Emeriti Council. A ballot to elect new emeriti to the Council will be mailed out early enough so that the results can be announced in the newsletter.

8. **Emeriti Website – Don Nelson**

Don has put the holiday gathering announcement on the webpage and the listing of upcoming Wed. II speakers. He'll keep the website updated as speakers are selected.

9. **Remaining Wednesday IIs for 2016-17:**

Nov 9 – Dawn Robarge & Jill Svinicki to speak on “Alternatives to Assisted Living: Help to Remain in Your Own Home as You Age” at the Zhang Legacy Center.
Dec 7 – Holiday Gathering is scheduled for 5:00-7:00 pm at Fetzer Center.
Feb 8 – Jane Baas, “Western’s Medallion Scholarship Program,” Heinig Emeriti Lounge
Apr 12 – John Korycki (?), “KVCC Culinary Arts Program” at KVCC Culinary Building
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10. **Details for Transition to Heinig Emeriti Lounge.**

We'll need to arrive early (1:30 pm) to assemble room and stay afterward to return furniture to original location. Someone will be needed to prepare coffee. Judy volunteered to bring cookies in January 2017. We discussed the best location for the audiovisual equipment. Andy will check on obtaining a projector.
11. Details for Wed., Dec. 7 Wine Tasting & Holiday Gathering from 5-7 pm; $15 per person.

Sandra and Andy met with Shannon Landis to review the menu and made selections of hor d’oeuvres and mini-desserts. Shannon explained that because the Emeriti Council does not have a liquor license, the registration fee for the event can only cover food. Wine must either be provided free or sold via a cash bar. In past, we have worked with Lawton Ridge or Tiffany's to provide wine. Shannon will work with distributors to obtain wines priced within our budget. The chosen distributor may attend and make a few comments on wines, but we won't have lengthy speaker. Our use of an outside vendor in 2015 led to a bartending fee; this year there will not be a bartending fee.

Promotion for Wine Tasting: A cover flyer went out with newsletter; Andy will have flyers at Wed. II and WARF presentations. Judy will send out an email to her list of 80 emeriti, and Andy will send out an announcement to emeriti via the Development Office. Andy has invited Provost Tim Greene and Interim LHC Dean Jane Baas to attend. Larry will invite our current Medallion scholars and recent graduate Garrett Gagnon to attend. Soft drinks will be available for those under 21 years of age. All are encouraged to talk up attendance.

Room Decor: Sandra encouraged us to have decorations this year. She has contacted WMU's Family and Consumer Science Department; they have agreed to provide two students to help decorate. Sandra proposed having poinsettias on the tables. Peter moved and Larry seconded that the tables be decorated in a Christmas theme. Motion passed unanimously. Several cash contributions were given to Sandra to cover costs.

12. 2017-18 Break-Fast and Wednesday IIs:

The Fetzer Center has been reserved for August 9, 2017. Coffee & juice at 8:30 am. Breakfast brunch at 9:00. Welcome by someone from WMU around 9:50 am. Speech around 10:00 am. Bobby Hopewell, Mayor of Kalamazoo, was suggested as a speaker. Jim Bosco will ask him.

Action still needed: Someone will need to plan the arrangements and menu with Shannon Landis, making sure that a table with coffee and juice will be available near the room entrance.

The Heinig Emeriti Lounge in West Walwood Hall is reserved for Council meetings and Wednesday IIs through Nov. 2017.

Action needed: Someone needs to contact building coordinator Sue Beougher in University Relations to reserve the Emeriti Lounge for 2018 Council meetings and Wednesday IIs.

The Council thanked Nancy Schullery for compiling Council members' speaker preferences and discussed the topics from the resulting list. An additional speaker, Gary Lawson, has volunteered to speak on Hearing Loss, Aging, and Hearing. His topics will likely include: An overview of the Auditory System; Types of Hearing Loss; Classic Types of Presbycusis (Old Age Hearing); Aging, Hearing for Speech, and Cognition; Hearing Aids and Hearing Aid Services. All are encouraged to talk up attendance.

The Council agreed on the following schedule for the remainder of 2017:

   Sept. 13   Jim Bosco
   Oct. 11    Sandra Edwards and Nancy Hock
   Nov. 8     Julie Garrison, Dean of Libraries. Jim Bosco will contact Julie.
   Dec. 6 or 13 Wine Tasting & Holiday Gathering. Place to be determined.
13. **Council Nominations and Faculty Recognition Retirement Dinner – Judith Halseth**

   a. Council Nominations. Judy spoke of the need for three new nominees to replace those Emeriti Council members completing the second of their two terms: Andy Brogowicz, Sandra Edwards, and Larry Schlack. Three names were suggested. More may self-nominate based on the article in the recent newsletter. Additional suggestions are welcome from Emeriti Council members. A decision on the top three will be made at the January meeting, with contacts being made after that.

   b. Faculty Recognition Retirement Dinner. Judy will contact Sue Davenport, Faculty Senate Office, with some reasons for low attendance (e.g., lack of transportation, distance of parking from Bernhard), and suggestions for increasing attendance (e.g., set date early, communicate to emeriti in a variety of ways, make registration easy).

14. **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Updates – Judith Halseth**

    Judy reported that the Winter/Spring catalog will be out mid-December with 48 courses. The annual OLLI membership meeting will be held from 1-3 pm on Nov. 15 at Friendship Village.

15. **Faculty Senate Updates – Andy Brogowicz and Peter Krawutschke**

    Senate's first 2016-17 meeting was in Oct. Andy gave a detailed report from recent minutes. A new emeriti representative will be needed to replace Andy next year.

    Peter asked if there are issues he should bring up in Faculty Senate, especially under Professional Concerns. No issues were raised.

16. **New Business:** No New Business.

17. **Around the Table:** No issues raised.

18. **The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.**

Minutes compiled by Nancy Schullery and Judith Halseth, and edited by Andy Brogowicz.

**Next meeting:** January 10, 2017, Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 2:00 pm