2018-19 WMU EMERITI COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 2:00 pm
Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 211 West Walwood Hall

Present: Jim Bosco, chair; Peter Krawutschke, Faculty Senate Representative; Judy Halseth, OLLI Representative and Nominating Committee; Darryl Salisbury, Newsletter chair; Don Nelson, Treasurer and Webmaster; Gary Lawson, Wednesday II chair; Peter Kobrak; Louise Forsleff; Len Ginsberg; and Donna Oas, Secretary.

Absent: Phil Vander Weg, Nominating Committee and Faculty Senate Representative; Barb Rider.

1. Jim introduced visitors from Phi Beta Kappa honors society, Dr. Kristina Wirtz, Dr. Linda Lesniak, Carla Koretsky, and Molly Lynde-Recchia. They gave an overview of what the organization does. We can help by:
   1. Attending the induction ceremony April 17 at 5:30, Fetzer Center
   2. Adding “Proud sponsor of Phi Beta Kappa” to our website
   3. Considering sponsoring students at $85 each.

      They need an answer by April 1-5.

2. Agenda was approved

3. Approval of January 8 minutes granted.

4. Treasurer’s report - Don reported an ending balance of $4,613.60 and a net change of $1,729.00 as of 03/12/2018. Increase expense was incurred last year because of Newsletter costs. We have a balance of $10,393.00 in the Book Scholarship fund to be postponed until next year. Our Medallion Scholarship balance is $1,125,570.97. Seventy Emeriti requested mailed newsletters.

5. Wednesday II - Gary reported he has scheduled 2020, but descriptions are only available for presentations scheduled through May.

March 13, 2019—Resources for Long Term Care Decisions 2 p.m. Heinig Lounge, West Walwood Hall Speaker: Janet Hahn, Asst. Professor, School of Interdisciplinary Health Programs, Western Michigan University
April 10, 2019-Psychiatric Asylum Life before Thorazine

2 p.m. Heinig Lounge, West Walwood Hall
Speakers: Ann Chapleau, Associate Professor, Occupational Therapy, Western Michigan University and Steve Love, Clinical Services Director, Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital

May 8, 2019—Piano Selections by George Gershwin

2 p.m., Dalton Center Recital Hall, Van De Giessen Rd #3001, Kalamazoo, MI
Performance by Robert (Bob) Ricci, Professor Emeritus, School of Music, Western Michigan University

Emeriti Break-Fest August 14, 2019

- 8:30 a.m., Fetzer Center

September 11, 2019—2 p.m. Heinig lounge, West Walwood Hall
Speaker: Stacie Fruth, PT, DHSc, OCS, Founding Chair, Department of Physical Therapy at Western Michigan University
Physical Therapy: The Evolution of a New Doctoral Degree Program at WMU

October 9, 2019—2 p.m. Heinig Lounge, West Walwood Hall

November 13, 2019—2 p.m. Heinig Lounge, West Walwood Hall
Speaker: Ruth Heinig, Professor Emerita, Communication, Western Michigan University
A Performance Reading from Mark Twain’s Adam and Eve Diaries

- December 11, 2019 Holiday Gathering. 5 to 7 p.m., Fetzer Center.

5. **New Board members** – Judy listed 6 potential candidates. Members volunteered to contact people they know. We need 3-5 potential nominees.

6. **Retirement Dinner** – Discussed possibilities for master of ceremony. Pending approval from Sue Davenport (and offices of President and Provost), Jim Bosco will issue the welcoming speech. New retirees who are eligible to make the speech for the acceptance were discussed and Lynwood Cousins from Social Work, was selected. The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, May 23.

7. **Mission Statement** – We can 1) do nothing, 2) table until next meeting, or 3) decide now. We agreed to modify the suggested wording as follows: 1) Enable emeriti to engage in WMU policy development, philanthropic funding and other activities where they can
make unique and valuable contributions. 2) Create or publicize WMU based social and educational opportunities of interest to emeriti. 3) Communicate to emeriti WMU matters pertinent to them.

8. **Moving Forward** – Jim discussed his memo of February 25. We are to consider how the Council can plan an even more valuable role. Rethinking what changes the Council can implement is particularly appropriate at this moment. The Council could inform newly retired faculty of perks for which they qualify. We need a better way of outreach about the Emeriti Council and our activities. Jim will put together something more focused with various options so we can experiment. Tomorrow Jim will poll people about preferences for the holiday gathering. Voted to table further discussion until next meeting.

9. **Communicating with emeriti faculty** – Don reported that the President’s office will not support printed newsletters. Deadline for submitting items for May newsletter is May 15. Need to investigate including Wednesday II schedule in Office of Strategic Communications emails to faculty and emeriti.

10. **Phi Beta Kappa decision** – We will contribute $425 for 5 $85 scholarships.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Oas, Secretary