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; Phil Vander Weg, Nominating Committee and Faculty Senate Representative; Barb Rider; Peter Kobrak; Louise Forsleff; Len Ginsberg; and Donna Oas, Secretary. New members Phil Caruso and John Geisler.

1:58 p.m. Jim called meeting to order.

I. Judy introduced John Geisler and Phil Caruso, new members who will join Council at the end of the meeting.

II. Agenda was approved unanimously.

III. Minutes from March 12 were approved with comment by Darryl that Newsletter information was not included.

IV. Don distributed the financial report. The main change was the Phi Beta Kappa item, at $425. The ending balance as of 12/17/2018 was $4,188.46. Our book scholarship balance was $10,393.

V. Jim requested that the President’s office keep Emeriti Council (EC) informed about WMU activities of interest to Emeriti. He will have a meeting next week at the President’s office. He will request information about what may be done to accommodate Emeriti requests for a printed Newsletter. Louise asked if requests for printed copy were honored. Jim will try to obtain information about why our Wed. II announcements are not included in Office of Marketing and Strategic Communications news. Don works with Linda Hunt. We also need information about Emeriti contributions to WMU.

A. No Wednesday II meetings are scheduled for June or July. EC next meeting is July 9.
B. Darryl discussed the Newsletter and what will be included
   1. Message from chair
   2. OLLI announcement from Judy
   3. Note of thanks from Phi Beta Kappa
   4. Update about Medallion Scholars
   5. Something about EC Scholars
   6. Topics for Wednesday II meetings from August to May 2020 including BreakFest
   7. Obituaries
   8. Request for donors. Form for contributions is online.
   9. Recognition of two people coming off EC and two coming on

VI. EC needs to be consistent in using BreakFest spelling for August gathering
VII. BreakFest is August 14.

A. We thank Barb for getting Ron Kitchens to speak. He will provide us with a title.
B. Discussed whom to invite in addition to using the Newsletter. Should invite the President. This is first BreakFest which has been held without a printed Newsletter. There is some concern about this effect on attendance.
C. Jim asked if someone could contact the communications person to have BreakFest information including $16 pre-registration fee, published with the Office of Marketing and Strategic Communications.
D. Gary will host the activity.

VIII. Holiday Party

A. We have a room reserved
B. Judy proposed that we cancel this year. Louise seconded and measure passed with one nay.

IX. Web page

A. Don asked that members look at the web page and suggest items to include.
B. We need a link to scholarship donations.
C. We thanked Don for doing such a good job.

X. New Business

A. Rich Cooper is going off Faculty Senate. We need a new person to replace him. Newly retired emeriti could possibly fulfill this position and become more active with the EC.
B. Judy reported that Toni Woolfork-Barnes replaces Shirley Swanson as director of OLLI beginning today.
C. Retirement Dinner is complete with all speakers accepting. The Provost will introduce the new Emeriti.
D. Jim exited the Chair thanking Len for acting as Vice Chair when he was not present.
E. Judy reported that Gary is interested in being Chair. John moved that Gary be appointed and it was approved unanimously. Donna will be Vice Chair and Phil Caruso will be Secretary. Don will continue as Treasurer and Web Master. Peter Kobra, with Barb and Judy assisting, will work on BreakFest. Darryl continues as Newsletter Editor.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Oas