2018-19 WMU EMERITI COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 2:00 pm
Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 211 West Walwood Hall

Present: Len Ginsberg, acting 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; Peter Kobrak; Louise Forsleff; Barb Rider, and Donna Oas, Secretary.

Absent: Jim Bosco, chair

1 Agenda was approved

2 Peter Krawutschke moved for approval of the minutes of the November 13 meeting and Peter Kobrak seconded. Approval granted.

3 Treasurer’s report - Don reported an ending balance of $4,599.15 and a net change of $1,714.69 as of 12/17/2018. This report does not include Newsletter costs.

4 Report on Newsletter mail requests – Len reported that the marketing office sends emails and converts our Newsletter etc. to electronic version on our web page. Jim controls what is sent from marketing office. Peter Kobrak spoke with Paula Davis about this. Judy reported that we don’t know how constituents get information about the Newsletter. The same office that controls the News distribution for the whole campus is the one handling our elections. The request for donations for Medallion and Book Scholarships funds was not included in the Newsletter. Len will email Stacy Thinnes about how many emeriti requested mailed versions.

5 Holiday Gathering – Len reported only 32 attended. Advertising went out late. We need to know what people want so we tabled discussion of another format until March meeting. Louise reported that the physical arrangement did not promote mingling. We lost $592.92 because of the low attendance. Estimate of the number of attendees was determined by last year.

6 Foundation report – Don reported our Medallion Scholarship fund was $1,220,727.35 as of 9/30/2018. Our Book Scholarship has a balance of $8,543.00. We do not know why they haven’t distributed Emeriti Book Scholarships 2018-19. Don will check on the process.

7 Gary reported the following programs:

January 9, 2019: Theodore Roosevelt, a Literary President
• Speakers: Thomas Bailey, Professor Emeritus of English and Environmental Studies at Western Michigan University and Katherine Joslin, Professor of English and Founding Director, Center for the Humanities at Western Michigan University

February 13, 2019—Swing into Fall Prevention

• Zhang Legacy Collections Center, 1650 Oakland Drive
• Speaker: Carla Chase, Professor, Occupational Therapy, Western Michigan University

March 13, 2019—Resources for Long Term Care Decisions

• Speaker: Janet Hahn, Asst. Professor, School of Interdisciplinary Health Programs, Western Michigan University

April 10, 2019-Psychiatric Asylum Life before Thorazine

• 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—Physical Therapy: The Evolution of a New Doctoral Degree Program at WMU

Heinig lounge. Speaker: Stacie Fruth, PT, DHSc, OCS, Founding Chair, Department of Physical Therapy at Western Michigan University

October 9, 2019—Michigan: Unusual, Extraordinary, Distinctive, Unique—and Sometimes Bizarre. Heinig Emeriti Lounge, West Walwood Hall

• Speaker: John Geisler, Professor Emeritus, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology, Western Michigan University

November 13, 2019—Wednesday II

A Performance Reading from Mark Twain’s Adam and Eve Diaries
December 11, 2019 Holiday Gathering. 5 to 7 p.m., Fetzer Center.

Other old business: Nominating Committee needs to plan for Jim’s leaving. Donna will contact the first choice candidate.

New business: Judy reminded us to watch for the retirement party May 23. She will suggest the name of Garrard Macleod for emcee to Sue Davenport, who needs approval from the President’s Office. We need to appoint a welcomer and a responder. WARF chair and Emeriti Council chair should be recognized during the opening comment at the dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Oas, Secretary