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
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
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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
2018-19 WMU EMERITI COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, May 7, 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; 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
Chair Gary Lawson called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Judy Halseth, Don Nelson, Donna Oas, Barbara Rider, Darryl Salisbury, Phil Vander Weg, and Phil Caruso. Stanley Robin attended as a guest.

Approval of the Agenda: Lawson had distributed the agenda in advance of the meeting. The agenda was approved as distributed.

Approval of the Minutes of the May 7, 2019 Meeting: Donna Oas had distributed the minutes prior to the meeting and it was approved as distributed.

Review of key facts of the Emeriti Council: Lawson had assembled some key facts about the Emeriti Council as a reminder. They are as follows:

1. The makeup of the emeriti at large is determined by WMU.
2. The Emeriti at large are referred to as the emeriti.
   a. Emeriti Council members are elected by and from the emeriti.
   b. The mission of the Emeriti Council is to implement programs, events, and activities which enable emeriti to be effectively involved in the Western Michigan University community.

Chair’s leadership plan and conduct of meetings: Lawson stated that while serving as Chair, he would try to effectively maintain focus on the mission and do so collaboratively to achieve interpersonal sensitivity and improved welfare of the emeriti, while using time effectively.

Tasks of the Emeriti Council: Lawson had assembled a list of the meetings and programs already scheduled for the academic year. In addition we will consider a proposal by Stan robins for a September fund-raising (below) and we need to try to improve communication between the Emeriti Council and the emeriti.

September Fundraiser: Stanley Robin was present to make a proposal for a September Fundraiser. He and Arnie Johnston were willing to present a play entitled “A Walk in the Woods” by Lee Blessing. The play is a cold war drama about nuclear disarmament negotiations set on the outskirts of Geneva Switzerland. They have tentative approval to stage this play on two nights, September 6 and September 7 in Brown Hall. At this time, the plan is that tickets would be available at the door for a $15 donation ($5 for students). The play is somewhere around 80 minutes long. The Department of English is willing to cooperate with us but the cooperation is somewhat vague. The Department of English may be able to provide us the room at no cost to us, but WMU rules may intervene. The proceeds would go the Emeriti Scholarship Fund. Not only would the event raise money for our scholarship fund(s) but also increase the profile of the Council. Discussion ensued and at the conclusion it was agreed to continue efforts to work out the logistics. Krawutsche and Nelson provided the motion and the second to support this program if the details can be worked out. The motion passed.

Report of the Elections and Nominations Committee: Judy Halseth reported for the Committee. She presented a list of the current members and their terms of office so we could begin looking for replacements where relevant. The terms of Don Nelson, Judith Halseth, Peter Krawutschke and Darryl Salisbury expire in June 2020 and they are ineligible to run for
reelection. The terms of Louise Forsleff and Peter Kobra expire in spring 2020 but they are eligible for reelection in the Spring for one more two year term. The terms of Lawson, Donna Oas, Barb Rider and Phil Vander Weg expire in Spring 2021 and they will be ineligible at that time. Finally, two new members, Phil Caruso and John Geisler have just begun to serve their first two year term.

After discussion, it was decided to ask Sandra Glista to serve as one of faculty senate representatives to replace Rich Cooper. Lawson will contact Susan Davenport about appointing Glista.

**Communication with President’s Office:** The President’s Office is willing to do our electronic mailings. Still, we may wish to have members of the Council contact emeriti about BreakFest. Halseth commented that we should obtain a list of new retirees and contact them individually.

**Report on social events**

BreakFest (August 14, 2019): After discussion Lawson agreed to act as emcee at the BreakFest.

Report on speakers for Faculty Retirement Dinner (TBA for May, 2020): We need to come up with a speaker for the retirement dinner in May 2020. Arnie Johnston was suggested.

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Report:** Halseth reported that the list of classes is estimated to be published the last week of July or the first week in August.

**Newsletter Report:** Salisbury reported that he has edited the donation form so that it specifically refers to the Emeriti Funds. He also indicated that he would need a report from the BreakFest to include in the next Newsletter.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Nelson distributed the year end treasurer’s report. As of June 30, 2019, the Council had an account balance of $4,154.66. The balance in the book scholarship fund was $11,568.00 and the Medallion Scholarship fund balance was $1,167,964.80. Nelson reported that the account balance of $4,154.66 was slightly unusual because this year the President’s Office did not make its usual contribution. However, the President’s Office did provide support for the newsletter of $2,829.00, which was charged to our account in the previous fiscal year. He also reported that if we wish to expend money from the book scholarship fund we need to request it from the Financial Aid Office each year.

There was a consensus that if the September program is undertaken, the funds should be put into the book scholarship fund.

**Report on the Emeriti Council Website:** Nelson reported that he has updated the Council website. He has moved the list of previous chairs to the end of the website. He inquired as to whether we could change the goals and objectives list on the website. Were these originally approved by the Board of Trustees? How do we find out? Discussion ensued with no resolution.

**Faculty Senate Report:** Krawutschke reported that the next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be in September.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10 and the first Wednesday of the year will be Wednesday September 11.
Submitted, Phil Caruso
Minutes of the September 10, 2019 Meeting of the WMU Emeriti Council

Chairperson Gary Lawson called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were: Louise Forsleff, Judith Halseth, Peter Kobrak, Don Nelson, Donna Oas, Darryl Salisbury and Phil Caruso. Absent: John Geisler, Peter Krawutschke, Barbara Rider and Phil VandeWeg.

Agenda: Lawson had prepared an agenda. Kobrak asked to add an item under New Business. The agenda was approved as so modified.

Minutes of the July 9, 2019 Meeting: The minutes of the July 9 meeting had been distributed by email prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved as distributed.

Report of the Elections and Nominating Committee: Halseth distributed a copy of the current members of the Council and their status. Four members are serving their last year of their second consecutive term of office and will be going off the Council in July 2020. Those are: Judith Halseth, Peter Krawutschke, Don Nelson and Darryl Salisbury. The Council needs to obtain candidates to replace those individuals. The Council needs to find a volunteer to lead this committee. Phil VanderWeg was suggested. Members were asked to submit names of individuals to be approached to serve as members of the Council. Those eligible to run for a second term are Louise Forsleff and Peter Kobrak.

Report of Social Events: Lawson had prepared a report on the success of the two events the Council had organized. Because we were able to cancel the use of a projector for the event, the Emeriti BreakFest earned a surplus of $72. The presentation of “A Walk in the Woods: by Stanley Robin and Arnie Johnson, attracted 67 attendees and earned $996 for the Emeriti Book Scholarship fund. Stanley Robin graciously provided the playbills at his own expense. The Department of English allowed us to use the small auditorium at no charge. Jon VanderMeer enabled us to use the hearing impaired technology if needed. Caruso was instructed to send thank you notes to the individuals who helped make this possible.

Endowing the Book Scholarship Fund: There was discussion as to whether we should attempt to endow the book scholarship fund. After much discussion, it was agreed that would require more funds than we could raise. It appears there were no disbursements from the fund this year. Don Nelson agreed to contact the Development Office to find out what happened.

Future Social Events: Discussion ensued as to whether we wished to organize future events like the reading of the play. It was agreed that we should tell Stan Robin that we would consider future suggestions.

Osher Life Long Learning Institute: Halseth reported that the new Director of OLLI, Toni Woolfork-Barnes, is trying to improve some of the policies and procedures of the Institute. The possibility of using their mailing list to promote the activities of the Council was raised.
Card for Krawutsche: Peter Krawutsche is about to undergo some surgery. A get well card was circulated.

Newsletter Report: Salisbury reported that the deadline for material to be included in the November Newsletter is the next meeting of the Council.

Treasurer’s Report: Nelson distributed the treasurer’s reports for the year ending in June and for the period Of July 1, 2019 through September 4, 2019. As of September 4, the Council balance of $2,107.40. The Book Scholarship fund contained $11,568. (This did not include the $996 from “A Walk in the Woods.”) The Medallion Scholarship fund has a balance of $1,167,964.80. There are currently three awardees.

Council Website: It was reported that there would a university photographer to take pictures at the Wednesday II on September 5.

Wednesday II: There was no report.

Faculty Senate Report: There was no report.

New Business: Kobrak inquired about a possible social event to replace the one previously intended for December. It was suggested that scheduling something for November prior to Thanksgiving might be more successful. Discussion included an event in late winter or early spring as an alternative to November.

Submitted by Phil Caruso
Chair Gary Lawson called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were: Louise Forsleff, Judy Halseth, Peter Kobrak, Don Nelson, Donna Oas, Barbara Rider, Darryl Salisbury and Phil Caruso.

Minutes of the September 10, 2019 Meeting: After corrections by members prior to the meeting, the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.

Introduction of Dr. Toni Woolfork-Barnes: Dr. Woolfork-Barnes had recently been appointed to head up the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. She visited the Council to discuss how the Council and OLLI can cooperate in order to improve the successes of OLLI. Topics included the addition of social activities, inclusion of Council activities in the OLLI newsletter and OLLI activities in the Council newsletter. She asked if there were ways to increase emeriti involvement as OLLI instructors. Both OLLI and the Council struggle with communication issues and ways to improve communication were discussed. Could the Council promote OLLI at Wednesday II sessions? Should OLLI set up a table at the Retirees Dinner to increase its visibility with retirees?

OLLI Report: Halseth who is the Council liaison to OLLI had no report to add to Woolfork-Barnes comments.

Report of Elections and Nominations Committee: Halseth indicated that we need to seek candidates for the Council. Names were suggested and individuals agreed to contact them.

Spring Social Event: Kobrak reported for the committee which had agreed to present ideas for a spring event to replace the December event which the Council had been staging recently. After discussion the Council agreed to hold a Spring Fling on March 20 at Friendship Village.

Report of the Newsletter: Salisbury asked that individuals who wanted something in the upcoming newsletter get it to him. He inquired about a list of names of emeriti who had died since the last newsletter.

Report of Medallion Induction Ceremony: The Medallion Induction Ceremony was held October 4. The Emeriti Council has a fund which would support three Medallion Scholars.

Faculty Senate Report: Peter Krawutsche and Sandra Glista attended the Faculty Senate meeting and Glista had submitted a report of the meeting to the Council members prior to the meeting. President Montgomery reported on his efforts to persuade a state legislative committee to re-examine the funding formula for Michigan higher education. The Senate redefined graduate student status so as to make graduate students eligible for health insurance and allowing them to defer loans while competing research for graduate programs. Graduate students will be permitted graduate certificate credits toward a graduate program. WMU will undergo a ten year accreditation visit in April of 2021. Bre Traynor, assistant director for mental health outreach reported on attempts to improve services for mental health. Finally, David Dakin, facilities planning director, reported on new and planned construction projects.
**Treasurer’s Report:** Nelson presented the treasurer’s report covering the period July 1, 2019, through November 11, 2019. As of November 11, the Council Has $2,107.40 in its account. The balance in the book scholarship fund is $11,568.00 and the balance in the Medallion Scholarship fund is $1,167,964.80.

**Announcements:**

a. The 25 year Club is scheduled to meet at 5:30 PM, Tuesday, November 2019
b. The first Medallion Scholarship competition will take place on Saturday, December 7 and Friday and Saturday, January 10 and 11. Judges are needed for the Group Problem Solving Activity. Contact Irma Lopez at Irma.Lopez@wmich.edu to volunteer.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Phil Caruso