2017-18 WMU EMERITI COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 2:00 pm
Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 211 West Walwood Hall
Present: Peter Krawutschke, Chair and Faculty Senate Representative; Judith Halseth, Nominating Committee co-chair; Garrard Macleod and Darryl Salisbury, Newsletter co-chairs; Don Nelson, Treasurer and Webmaster; Jim Bosco, Vice Chair; and Gary Lawson, Program chair.
Absent: John Geisler, Donna Oas, Barb Rider, Phil Vander Weg, and Joyce Zastrow

1. Call to Order and Welcome.
2. Agenda was approved unanimously.
3. Approval of November 14, 2017 minutes
4. Announcements: Peter announced that the 25 Year Club met. He announced that the MC announced the presence of the Emeriti Council Chair by name when she presented the officers of the University present. He suggested that the Emeriti Council should be listed in the WMU Campus Directory. The letter from the Foundation included an error in listing the names of Emeriti Medallion Scholars.
5. Treasurer’s Report: Don reported the President’s office hasn’t deposited $3,000 to the Emeriti account. Don will follow up with Stacy Thinnes. Wine Tasting brought in $585 and cost us an additional $517. We allocated $10,000 for Book Scholarships, and $8,000 was awarded.
6. Wednesday II, 10 January, 2018. “Food in China,” Ann Veeck. Judith sent an announcement to about 80 emeriti. Development didn’t send an announcement, but the Haenicke Institute did send a campus-wide announcement. February 14, “Hearing Loss, Aging and Hearing Aids,” Gary Lawson. Someone needs to contact speakers to confirm. Jim Bosco noted he worked for years to “get an audience” on campus. Copies of the schedule of future Wednesday IIs should be available at Wednesday II. Gary announced future Wednesday II programs:
   e. April 10, 2019 “Research on Asylum Life Before Thorazine,” Ann Chapleau, Occupational Therapy, and
Steve Love, Clinical Services Director, Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital.

7. **Nominating Committee:** In the absence of co-chair Phil Vander Weg, Judith led the group in considering 20 names suggested for three new nominees. Three names, and several backup names were chosen, and some members will begin making contact. Four current members who are finishing a two-year term agreed to run for a second two-year term: Judith Halseth, Peter Krawutschke, Don Nelson, and Darryl Salisbury. Three members have completed four years and will leave the Council because of term limits: John Geisler, Garrard Macleod, and Joyce Zastrow.

8. **Emeriti Newsletter:** Edited by Darryl and Garrard. On time and looks great! Efficiently assembled for mailing by Stacy Thinnes—no folding party needed. Suggestion: number the pages and staple.

9. **Emeriti Wine Tasting and Holiday Gathering:** About 40 attended, including the Lee Honors College dean, Gary Bischof; President Montgomery and First Lady Kari Montgomery, and Emeriti Medallion Scholar Sruthi Rameshkumar, Peter wrote the President and Kari, thanking them for participating, and he received a thoughtful response. We thank Shannon Landis and her Fetzer Center staff for the festive decorations and excellent food service. And thanks to Sandra Edwards and Judith Halseth for providing piano music to set the tone.

10. **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute:** Registration is underway for members. The “January Thaw” will be held on Wed. Jan. 17, 2-4 p.m. at the KIA.

11. **Faculty Senate update:** Peter submitted Phil’s written report of the Faculty Senate meeting of December 7, 2017.

12. **2018 Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner:** Judith and Darryl expect to be involved after Sue Davenport and the Faculty Senate office confer with the President’s office about potential changes. We need to support new retirees, so dinner and ceremony continue.

13. **Miscellaneous items:**
   a. Discussed recent articles in the Kalamazoo Gazette, regarding enrollment numbers, etc.
   b. Peter provided copies of the obituary of Laurel Grotzinger, who died Dec. 15, 2017, after almost 51 years of service.
   c. Discussed developing a policy for the Emeriti Council regarding a member who misses more than three meetings.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judith Halseth, interim secretary.

**Next meet:** March 13, 2018, Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 2 pm
Present: Peter Krawutschke, Chair and Faculty Senate Representative; Judy Halseth; Darryl Salisbury, Newsletter co-chair; Don Nelson, Treasurer and Webmaster; Gary Lawson, Wednesday II chair; Barb Rider; Phil VanderWeg, Nominating Committee chair; and Donna Oas, Secretary.

Absent: John Geisler, Garrard Macleod, Jim Bosco, and Joyce Zastrow

1. Welcome: Peter called the meeting to order and gave us a brief report of his background.

2. Agenda was approved unanimously

3. Approval of January 9, 2018 Minutes: with thanks to Judith Halseth.

4. Announcements: Peter suggested that we keep our mailing list up to date. Lois Stegman had called with a change of address.

5. Treasurer's report: Don provided a print version indicating an ending account balance of $5,713.46 and a net change in account of $1,352.40. The President's office has given us the $3,000 discussed at last meeting.

6. Fundraising and Scholarships: Don also reported Book Scholarship data indicating a decline in contributions October, 2017. The Development office sends out the appeal letters by email and many of those ended in junk mail. Don will write an article for our Newsletter appealing for donations to the Book Scholarship fund and will talk with the Development office.

7. Book Scholarship Vote: Peter reported his email vote to Council members resulted in saving that money for fall of 2018 since the only applicants were part-time students and the fund is intended to go to full-time students. A vote to retain the requirement for full-time students to remain passed by 6 to 2. Don questioned the criteria for book awards and will contact the Development office for clarification. Judy noted that with tax law change, people may not be so generous in contributing.

8. Emeriti Council Election: Phil and Judith reported that Louise Forsleff, Leonard Ginsberg, and Peter Kobrak will join Peter Krawutschke, Judith Halseth, Don Nelson, and Darryl Salisbury on the Emeriti Council. Peter will contact and invite the newcomers to our May 8 meeting.

9. Emeriti Representative to Serve on Faculty Senate: Peter was unanimously selected for 2018-2021.

10. Faculty Senate Review: Phil reported on the March 2018 Faculty Senate meeting. Redundancy of topics from former meetings seems to be a problem. President Montgomery reported the lion's share of funds are awarded to U of M, MSU, and GVSU. Criteria ranking seems to be graduation rate within 6 years. Montgomery tried to put
a positive spin on financing. WMU is in good standing with sexual harassment procedures. WMU will not hold high school students negatively for participating in demonstrations. Public Safety has videos available for showing what to do in case of an active shooter. Peter noted that we should be proud to have 3 representatives.

11. 2018 Faculty Senate Retirement Dinner: Judith and Darryl reported the date, Monday, May 21. Identifying a master of ceremonies and a welcomer was discussed. Judy will contact individuals.

12. Wednesday II 14 March and 8 May 2019: Gary reported that Bob Ricci, Emeritus from music, will present the Wednesday II on May 8, 2019. Kevin West, chair of concerts, has scheduled us for Dalton Recital Hall. Students will set up chairs on stage at no charge to us. We will have the Dalton from1-4 that day. Bob gave us the choice of George Gershwin's, Bob's own, or movies from 1938 on. The Council voted for George Gershwin. Gary will contact Bob with our decision. We need to discuss increasing attendance.

13. Review of Emeriti Newsletter: Darryl would like to have submissions by May 8 for distribution by end of May. Newsletter should have a listing of meetings for Wednesday II, and a report of presentations should be included. Peter will report the Wine tasting, Judy will report about OLLI, Darryl will ask Sandra to write about the University of Florida Sandra Edwards Colloquium, and Garrard will continue the remembrance section. Pages should be numbered.

14. 2018 Emeriti Break Fest: Peter and Gary have secured Fetzer Center for Wednesday morning, August 8. We discussed who should present the program. Peter will make contacts.

15. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute: Judith reported the Summer catalogs are ready for printing, and registration opens May 8. Barb reported that submissions for fall 2018 are due April 1.


17. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:45

Respectfully submitted: Donna Oas, Secretary