WMU Emeriti Council Minutes for January 12, 2010

Present: Hal Bate, Bob Beam, Bob Boughner, Ruth Heinig, Linda Law, Bill McCarty, David Rozelle, D. Terry Williams

I. November 10, 2009 Minutes approved

II. Life Long Learning Report

Ruth reported that the trip she and Peg Strong made to Aquinas was successful. The staff of Aquinas OLLI was very helpful and supportive.

The LLL emeriti steering committee met in December and, as a first step toward creating an LLL, outlined plans for a website designed for seniors, listing free events on campus and the emeriti Wednesday IIs. Fliers would be printed with the information and delivered to retirement centers. Ron and Ruth were charged with developing parameters for a LLL. Dawn Gaymer, WMU’s new associate provost in continuing education will be joining the steering committee in future meetings.

In the process of studying OLLI programs nationwide, Ruth and Ron discovered Elderhostel Institute Network (EIN). The three Michigan schools with OLLI programs (Aquinas, SVSU and U of M) are also associated with EIN. In addition schools like Albion, Hope, Wayne State, for example, as well as several community colleges (not KVCC), also affiliate with EIN. EIN has a very helpful website, explaining how to set up a lifelong learning institute, with tips on budgeting, membership, bylaws, and so on. Whether or not WMU chooses to affiliate with EIN, their materials online provide excellent help.

Ruth and Ron conclude that WMU is behind in the development of a lifelong learning program for seniors. While many volunteers from the emeriti and community at large will be needed to set up an institute and make it a successful endeavor, they feel a concerted effort should be made to do so.

Two things were decided: A meeting with the steering committee and Vice Provost Dawn Gaymer and a formal proposal drafted.

III. Newsletter

Discussion about polling Emeriti to see who prefers electronic version of the Newsletter and who wants a mailed hard copy. Meanwhile, Terry will meet with Teresa Ventimiglia to explore possibility of her office handing the mailings. (DTW called Teresa and she will handle all future foldings and suggested that we do the labeling & stuffing in Walwood where she is also located. She also noted that half of Emeriti wish to have University News mailings sent hard copies and half electronically).
IV. Wednesday II’s
Hal will send information for April 14 Ladies Library Association luncheon & June Cottrell program to Shannon for creation of invitation.

V. Website & List-Serve
Linda will get the current data base of all Emeriti from Teresa Ventimiglia emailed to her so that our list-serve can be updated. Linda will also put November 2009 Council minutes and last Newsletter on our website.

VI. Nominating Committee –
Ventimiglia will also send current Emeriti data base to Boughner. Ballot to be included along with Ladies Library-Wednesday II, April 14 invitation mailing. Revising bi-laws regarding election procedures will be discussed at March Council meeting.

VII. Breakfast Speaker – Beam will reserve Fetzer for August 11. Ruth will contact OLLI administrators at Aquinas for speaker.

Adjourned at 3:15 p.m.
The meeting began at 2:04 p.m. with Bob Beam leading. Present were Hal Bate, Bob Boughner, Ron Crowell, Sandra Edwards, Judith Halseth, and Donna Oas.

1. Approval of Agenda-by Bob Boughner seconded by Hal Bate.

2. Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2010

3. Reports and Updates

   a. Life Long Learning update: Dawn Gamer, Associate Provost, is moving very fast developing by-laws. A Curriculum Committee has been formed including Ron Crowell, Jeorge Fierro, Ruth Heinig, Cheryl Lay, Hal Ray. We need to discuss the role of Wednesday II’s.

   b. Election Results: Sandra Edwards, Gus Gianakaris, Judith Halseth, Arnie Johnston, and Donna Oas were elected with Bob Boughner and Ron Crowell as alternates.

   c. Officers for 2010-2011: Bob Beam will be Chair, Vice Chair to be determined, Donna Oas will continue as Secretary and Newsletter editor with the assistance of Ron and Judy. Committee members are Bob Boughner and Bill McCarty on nominations, Bob Boughner and Larry Oppliger on Medalion Scholars, Sandra Edwards and Diane Hamilton on Flu Clinic, Judy Halseth on Faculty Recognition Dinner, and Linda Law with some help (TBA) on web site.

   d. Newsletter will be ready to send out with the registration for Break-fest by the first week of June. Donna will contact Shannon Landis to make arrangements.

   e. Break-Fest will be held Wed. August 11 at the Fetzer Center. The cost will be the same as last year, $15.

   f. Wednesday II’s for 2010-2011:

   **Wednesday, September 8: Robert Whaley (Music).** How does Robert Whaley fit the characterization of a tuba player as described by Garrison Keillor, from a chapter in his book *We Are Still Married* titled "The Lutheran's Guide to the Orchestra"? What does Mr. Whaley actually do back there behind the rest of the orchestra? Did you even know that he sometimes has two or even three tubas with him?
He "tells all" on September 8. (Emeriti Lounge, 2nd floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus).

**Wednesday, October 13:** Stanley Robin (Sociology) “Generational Medley.”
Stan will perform a set of monologues he has written. It consists of eleven connected pieces titled: Announcement; Awakening; The Bonus; The War; Waiting; Encounter; The Letter; The Visit; Sisters; The Day He Died; Homecoming. (Emeriti Lounge, 2nd floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus).

**Wednesday, November 10:** Mike Stoline (Statistics) and Marie Stoline.
“Experiences and Insights from Russia.” Mike and Marie will share their experiences, insights, and impressions from their visits to Russia, including their trip to Chernobyl at the time of the nuclear disaster. (Emeriti Lounge, 2nd floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus).

**Wednesday, December 8:** (Tentative) Music Theatre Performance Senior Showcase. The senior class will present a sampling of their upcoming “New York Showcase,” presented during spring break in the Big Apple for agents and casting directors. This presentation will be held in the Gilmore Theatre Complex. Park in the Miller ramp. You will not be ticketed.

**WEDNESDAY II MEETINGS FOR WINTER 2011**

**Wednesday, January 12:** (TBA)

**Wednesday, February 9:** (TBA)

**Wednesday, March 9:** (TBA)

**Wednesday, April 13, 2011:** Hal Bate (Speech Pathology and Audiology). “Antique hearing aids: An historic look and listen.” The Baldwin Collection of Antique Hearing Devices has been, and continues to be, on permanent loan to the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology and is always on display on the third floor of the Unified Clinics, just to the left of the elevator exit on that floor. The devices will be brought to the usual Wednesday II meeting room in Walwood Hall. This Wednesday II presentation will provide an up close and personal look at, and even a listen through the types of non-electric hearing aids used by hearing impaired persons in the 1700s, 1800s, and into the early years of the 20th century. You will see the types of devices used by Beethoven, and other well known figures of those periods. Discussion will include the use, value, and limitations of these early amplifying devices. Richard Baldwin, an alumnus of WMU, and the collector and owner of these antique hearing aids, may also be on hand to comment on the devices, how and why he acquired the collection over the years, and to help respond to questions about the various devices. (Emeriti Lounge, 2nd floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus).
**Wednesday, May 11: Larry Schlack, Educational Leadership.**

"Michigan's One-Room Schools: Gone (Almost) But Not Forgotten".

The program has three parts
1) a pictorial (color slides) history of Michigan one-room schools going back to the earliest ones
2) a pictorial (color slides) look at the architectural styles of the schools
3) speculation about the legacy of one-room schools that survives today: multi-age classrooms, cooperative learning, etc.

(Emeriti Lounge, 2nd floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus)

- Medallion Scholars: Bob reported that Josh is completing an internship and attended a Rotary meeting with his sponsor.

4. **New Business:** The Faculty Retirement Dinner has been canceled since only 13 are retiring. Two of those have passed, five have left the area, and the others were probably not going to attend the May 27 date that was set. Disappointment was expressed by several of the Council members.

5. **Adjournment at 3:15**

Next Meeting: July 13, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Oas
WMU Emeriti Council
Minutes
July 13, 2010 at 2 p.m.
Emeriti Lounge, 2nd floor, Walwood Hall

Present: Robert Beam, Arnie Johnston, Ron Crowell, Gus Gianakaris, Diane Hamilton, Hal Bate, Judith Halseth, d. Terry Williams, and Donna Oas. Special guest, Ruth Heinig.

1. Approval of Agenda - General acceptance

2. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2010 - Approved

3. Reports and Updates

   Life Long Learning update – Ruth, Ron, and Terry gave a long report. Terry noted that a lot more work needs to be done and fall is not feasible. Extended University Programs needs to accept the responsibility. We can volunteer to help especially in curricular matters. The committee for planning needs to be larger.

   Election Results were reported at last meeting.

   Officers for 2010-2011 Bob Beam is chair, Arnie Johnston is vice chair (with the potential for becoming chair next year), and Donna Oas is secretary.

   Newsletter Volume III should go out the first week in September. Articles to include should be sent to Donna by the middle of August. Stuffing should occur the first week in September.

   Break-Fest Donna will submit the work order today. Dawn Gaymer, the speaker, will be attending the breakfast, and therefore can begin speaking when everyone is through eating.

   Wednesday II’s for 2010-2011 Hal submitted the schedule through May 2011. A copy will be included in the September Newsletter.

   Medallion Scholars Emily Wacyk and Joshua Kallen continue this year. We should take them to lunch in September. There were no volunteers.

New Business None.
Adjournment at 3:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 7, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.
WMU Emeriti Council

Minutes

Sept. 7, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Emeriti Lounge, 2nd floor, Walwood Hall

1. Approval of Agenda - unanimous
2. Approval of July 13, 2010 minutes-unanimous
3. New Business
   EUP Technical Support – Bryon Glock discussed ways Extended University Programs (EUP) could help Emeriti. He summarized those possibilities as follows:

   - Webmail plus overview, with hands-on portion.
   - Facebook how-tos, things to avoid.
   - Recording of Wednesday two's.
   - Possibility for light editing of Wednesday two session.
   - Hosting of video on Flash/QuickTime streaming servers.
   - Use of our 25 station computer lab in Ellsworth Hall.
   - Provide an email address to handle the RSVPs for such events.

He also gave us dates when we could schedule an emeriti workshop:

    Thursday, October 7 anytime.
    Tuesday, November 16 anytime.
    Tuesday, December 14 afternoon.
    Thursday, January 27 anytime.
4. Reports and Updates

Life Long Learning – We are hoping that the Emeriti portion of planning will fall away and EUP will take over. Osher and our plans are more intellectually centered than some of the other programs in the community like Kalamazoo Public Schools, which is mostly “how to.” A consultant from Osher (Mike Gary’s daughter) will be visiting EUP.

Newsletter – next issue will be January, 2011 and will include information about EUP IT facilities.

Break-Fest - was well attended and Dawn Gaymer’s presentation was very good.

Wednesday II’s – All set for 2010-11. Times were not included in Newsletter.

Medallion Scholars – It is time to take Emily Wacyk and Joshua Kallen to lunch sometime in September. Bob will email members of Council for people who are interested in taking them.

Flu Shot Clinic – Tentative date is September 30, but Health Center is waiting for confirmation from a nurse who is out because of a family emergency. Western News will be publishing dates for walk in clinics.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Oas

Secretary
Minutes Emeriti Council November 9, 2010 2:00 p.m.

Present: Gus, Ron, Arnie, Sandra, Judith, Linda, Donna, and special guest, Ruth Heinig

1. Approve Agenda

2. Approve September Minutes Arnie and Linda

3. Reports and Updates

   Life Long Learning Academy Status Ruth and Ron. Collie Lightfoot has been appointed advisor and programs will start in spring semester with 2 or 4 week courses. Programs will start in Walwood, or may need College of Health and Human Services for facility large enough. EUP will help with the budget. The Emeriti Council is no longer responsible for developing the program. Wednesdays II were not included because the committee did not want to jeopardize a program that Emeriti use socially as well as the speakers were not ready for a different audience.

   Wednesday II's: Hal and Ron. We have programs in place through September 2011, with Stan Robin presenting a second addition to this year’s presentation. We need to think about replacements for this and other committees.

   Web Site Update Linda is working on getting everything current. She needs to have a final version of the Newsletter from Shannon. Donna will call Shannon to find out how to arrange that.

   Medallion Scholars should be invited to the December Wednesday II to be introduced.

   EUP Technical Support: We should use Bryon’s offer to help us with our web site and other technological problems.


6. Adjournment Donna moved and Judith seconded at 3:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2011