

Minutes of the WMU Emeriti Council Meeting of January 7, 2020

Vice President Donna Oas called the meeting in place of Gary Lawson who was unable to attend. Those in attendance were: Louise Forsleff, John Geisler, Judy Halseth, Peter Kobrak, Peter Krawutschke, Don Nelson, Barbara Rider, Darryl Salisbury, and Phil Caruso.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed.

Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Meeting: The minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting were approved as previously distributed.

Osher Life Long Institute: Halseth reported that the OLLI catalogs have been sent out.

Election and Nomination: We now have four candidates for the Council to replace outgoing members. We still need one more. The following have agreed to be candidates: Joe Buckley, Jody Brylinski, David Houghton, and Paul Yelsma. The list will go out in the next newsletter. It was commented that we need to update our lists for new retirees and deaths and to check on the state of the various lists of retirees for current email addresses.

Report on the Spring Social Event: The committee organizing the Spring Fling has continued to work. The Spring Fling will be held Friday, March 20 at 5:00 PM in the Kiva room at the Friendship Village. D. Terry Williams will serve as the emcee. We will honor Gerrard Macleod. Janice Lakers and Mike Stoline will provide entertainment. The Office of the President will send out the invitations. Forsleff and Rider will arrange for heavy hors d'oeuvres and we will purchase wine from Tiffany's. There will be a registration table and an information table where one page handouts will be distributed describing the Medallion Scholarship program and announcing the BreakFest program in August. Spring Fling announcements will be placed in the mailboxes of senior citizens. Members should invite friends and administrative emeriti. Kobrak asked for volunteers to show up at about 4:30 to help final setup were requested. Caruso volunteered. The Council will pay for coffee, tea and water which will amount to about 50 cents per person. Name Tags will be prepared by the Office of the President.

Newsletter: Salisbury reported that the Newsletter has been sent out. The next Newsletter is due out in May and that Newsletter will contain the results of the election of new members to the Council. Articles to be included in the Newsletter should be sent to Salisbury by May 12.

Faculty Senate Report: The Academic Year-end report of the Faculty Senate for 2018-2019 was distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Nelson distributed the treasurer's report covering the period July 1, 2019 through January 5, 2020. At the end of the period the Council had a balance of \$2,107.40. As of November 11, 2019, the book scholarship fund contained \$2,564. As of August 31, 2019, the Emeriti Medallion Scholarship fund had a balance of \$1,144, 603.64 and there were three scholarship holders. The scholarship of one of those was to end in December, 2019.

BreakFest Speaker: Discussion took place as to who might be a good speaker for the BreakFest in August. It was agreed that we would approach the Provost.

Retirement Dinner: The Retirement Dinner is to be held May 19. It was suggested we ask Arnie Johnston to be the emcee for our role in the dinner.

Submitted by Phil Caruso