President Doug Haneline called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Members Present: Robert Friar, Doug Haneline, Jim Jacobs, Barb Johnson, Jerena Keys, MaryKay Maclver, Jeffrey Nagelbush, and Randy Vance

December minutes were approved as written (motion by Jeffrey Nagelbush, seconded by Bob Friar).

President’s Report: Doug Haneline reported that Jerry Scoby is retiring. He will be attending the Academic Senate meeting tomorrow.

Treasurer’s Report: Randy Vance reported that the Emeriti Association has a current balance of $4712.90. The Ferris Emeriti Association Scholarship Endowment currently has $81,086.

University Advancement Liaison Report: MaryKay Maclver reported the following Alumni Association Events:

The annual Sarasota Alumni & Emeriti Luncheon is January 26 from 11 am to 1:30 pm at the TPC Prestancia. $30 per person.

The annual Tucson Emeriti & Alumni Luncheon is February 7 beginning at 1 pm at the Golden Corral. Kevin Bunce from the Alumni Association will be greeting attendees, with support from the advancement staff.

The Scottsdale social will be held on February 9 beginning at 5 pm at McFate Brewing Company. $20 per person includes dinner, a tour of the brewery and the live-streamed Ferris vs. Bemidji State hockey game.

The alumni association is sponsoring an event at the Grand Rapids Griffins on February 15. The Griffins will take on the San Antonio Rampage at 7 pm. There will be a pre-game reception at the Ionia Street Buffalo Wild Wings from 5-6:45 p.m. $30 per person includes pre-game reception and a game ticket.

The Alumni Association has arranged for a Ferris State University Day at the Detroit Pistons on March 10. Tickets can be purchased from the link on the Alumni Association website at ferris.edu/alumni. The package includes a co-branded hat. Ticket prices vary depending on seating choice.

Publicity: Kay Maclver reported that today’s meeting was publicized through Facebook and through University-Wide Notices.
Social: Jim Jacobs reported that the Soup Talk will be on February 6th at the United Church. It will start around 11:30. He also reported that the reservation for the summer picnic for August 14th has been made. MaryKay Maclver reported that reservations have been made for the spring luncheon at the Rock.

Membership: Barb Johnson initiated a discussion of what the focus of this committee should be. One suggestion was that we could use a picture of who our members are and where they live.

Service: Jim Jacobs reported the death of Vernon Benson.

Professional Concerns: No report.

Fundraising: See treasurer’s report. MaryKay noted that donations received from the year-end appeal should put the endowment balance close to $90K with the Ferris Foundation match.

Helen’s Garden: According to MaryKay, the garden is asleep for the winter, awaiting spring. She ordered annuals to arrive in late May/June from the Grounds department.

Arizona and Florida Liaisons: See University Advancement Liaison Report, above.

Newsletter: Randy Vance reported that the next newsletter will be published in March, with the deadline for submission of February 15th.

Social Media: MaryKay put events on-line that emeriti might be interested in. She has asked for others to submit interesting items as well.

Old Business: Jerena Keys reported that $5450 has been collected from Emeriti for the United Way.

New Business: None

Adjournment: 11:02 a.m. (Motion by Jim Jacobs, seconded by Barb Johnson).

Jeffrey Nagelbush, Secretary

February 4- Emeriti board Meeting
February 6- Soup talk