

Friends of the University Libraries, Board Meeting: 2 - 3:30 p.m., Monday,  
April 7, 2008, 111 East Hall

Present: Regina Buckner, Sharon Carlson, Greg Fitzgerald, Warren Fritz, Kathleen Garland-Rike, Norman Jung, Tom Seiler, David Sheldon, Susan Steuer, Beth Timmerman.

#### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented. (Carlson/Seiler)

#### Approval of Minutes of the March 3, 2008 Meeting

The minutes were approved as presented. (Garland-Rike/Jung)

### **Current/New Business**

#### Welcome/Announcements

Sheldon thanked the Board for their support over the past year. It has been a wonderful opportunity to serve.

#### Treasurer's Report

Buckner distributed the Treasurer's Report. She reported on the expenses and income from the Rare Book appraisal event. The consensus was that it was a very successful event. The total amount received was \$365. That included \$140 for book evaluations. There were nineteen new memberships, resulting in \$225. There were other people who attended who were members or renewed that evening, which are not included in the revenues. Expenses include the honorarium and catering, \$377.60. The event netted \$126.

#### Nominations Committee

Jung reported that Kathleen Garland-Rike has agreed to serve as president. The committee is still having problems getting additional people to agree to run for open board position. Several suggested individuals have declined due to other obligations. Jung has a call out to Mark Miller. Carlson will contact Judith Halseth. Other possible names suggested included Joyce Zastrow and Alan Jacobs.

Suggested bylaw changes include changing the membership year to the calendar year. The financial year will still coincide with the University's fiscal year. The other item needing revision is Article VI. The language needs to be clarified about the library representative, appointed by the Dean of the University Libraries. "A library representative will be appointed by the Dean of University Libraries to act as a liaison." It will be 2 under the article and the remaining articles will be renumbered accordingly.

#### Update on plans for Spring Event, April 15

Steuer reported that fliers have been sent out, including the Catholic Diocese and area high schools. There is also a banner ad that has been prepared. It was suggested that the Hispanic American Council be contacted. Professor Pablo Perez will contact Thom Myers. There was a brief discussion about what needed to be included in the business meeting. There will be the election, proposed bylaw changes, minutes of the business meeting of 2007, a treasurer's report, and any information about the road trips. There will also be an announcement about the gift to honor Bettina Meyer. Vice-chair Fritz will preside because Sheldon cannot attend the meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### Update on Road Trips

Carlson polled the audience at the March program. Fifteen people expressed an interest in visiting Larry Massie's Library. Where people expressed a preference 12 indicated they would want to go on a week day and 7 indicated they would want to go on a weekend. Some thought either would be okay. Eleven people expressed an interest in visiting the Gerald Ford Museum in Grand Rapids. Where people expressed a preference, 8 would want to go on a week-day, 6 would want to go on a weekend. Some thought either would be okay. All 11 indicated they would pay up to \$40 for the bus and lunch. Carlson will contact Massie and discuss dates and honorarium. Light refreshments of punch and cookies will probably be appropriate. She will also poll the members at the annual meeting about travel arrangements.

Fritz announced the special photo exhibit at the Gerald Ford Museum begins on May 9 and runs until July 25. He will pursue a field trip to coincide with the exhibit.

### **Other Business**

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 5.