

Friends of the University Libraries - Monday June 12, 2006 - 111 East Hall

Present: Regina Buckner, Sharon Carlson, Warren Fritz, David Sheldon, Mary Anne Sydlik.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented. It was decided to delay the group photograph until more members are present.

Minutes of May 8, 2006 Meeting

There was a motion to approve the minutes of May 8, 2006 as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (Buckner/Fritz)

Treasurer's Report

We received the first \$254.75 first reimbursement from Better World Books. More boxes have been going out. Sydlik suggested that Friends or the Board could help box books. Buckner suggested that we work with Meyer. There have been no new memberships since April.

Buckner also reported that the award made by the Friends to Julie Hayward will be paid out in the fall or spring when she takes the class.

Buckner will check if Kalamazoo College has billed the Friends and if so, what fund it was paid through. She will verify and make adjustments as needed.

Current/New Business

Grant Committee

There was discussion on how to handle the request for funding for an educational program that has been completed. While the consensus was that the committee had some misgivings because the event occurred in October, the reality was that this was precisely the type of request that would normally be funded. For a variety of reasons, the application process was flawed in this one instance. A motion was made and unanimously approved to make a payment not to exceed \$400 for reimbursing this request. (Sheldon/Fritz) Because of the problems with this particular request, it was suggested that the instructions and information for grant request should have a clause that the event has to be "current" and that in the case of graduate classes, the request should one semester before the requested reimbursement is needed. It was noted that the Library Staff Advisory Board has agreed to actively promote the program over the summer in advance of the October 1 deadline.

Master List of current/past board members

Sydlik has a copy of the master list. It was determined that both Sydlik and Gerow need to have electronic copies of the list.

Report from Dave Sheldon on Retirement dinner

Sheldon attended the retirement recognition dinner and extended the one year free membership to the new retirees. Unfortunately, he had only a few minutes at the end of the program. It was suggested that the Friends follow up with a letter or possibly a membership card.

Fall Speaker/Program

Carlson indicated that she would be willing to work on a Civil War related program to highlight the conclusion of the digitization project. It was suggested that November 14th or 15th could be good dates. Carlson indicated there are several potential speakers and the guests could include Senator Tom George and possibly William Anderson, head of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL).

Buckner noted there will be another University wide program in Waldo in the fall, "Canoeing the Great Lakes," which involves a symposium, reception, and photography exhibit. Buckner indicated that she is working on a program featuring Jeanne Drewes. Drewes could speak on library preservation, as well as preserving our personal records. The Drewes program will be no earlier than the late fall or early spring because she has taken a position at the Library of Congress. It was also suggested that the Didier program be considered as a spring gathering.

Old Business

Hurricane Donation

The Hurricane donation will be tabled until Meyer makes a report.

Announcements

It was noted with sadness that Audrey Davidson had passed away on June 11.

Sydlik needs three to five sentence personal biographies for the website.

Sydlik also encouraged all to go to the FOLUSA website and look at the resources. See <http://www.folusa.com/> The username is: Anne, and the password is: Rice.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 15 at 2:00 at the Archives and Regional History Collections, 111 East Hall.

The meeting adjourned 3:20

Minutes taken by S. Carlson