

Friends of the University Libraries - Board Meeting: 2 - 3:30 p.m., Tuesday August 15, 2006,  
111 East Hall

Present: Sharon Carlson, Kathleen Garland-Rike, Norman Jung, Thomas Seiler, David Sheldon,  
Mary Anne Sydlik.

Guest: Judy Canaan

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 by President Sydlik.

#### Minutes of the April, 2005 and April, 2006 General Membership Meetings

The minutes of the April, 2005 and April, 2006 minutes were reviewed. April 2005 were approved unanimously. (Jung/Garland-Rike) The minutes of April 2006 were reviewed and will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in 2007.

#### Minutes of the June, 2006 meeting

The minutes of June, 2006, meeting were approved unanimously. (Sheldon/Jung)

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was tabled.

### **Current/New Business**

#### Friends Website

Michael Wang will take a group photo of the Board when all members are present. Sydlik requested biographical information for inclusion on the Friends' website.

#### Membership Initiative for WMU Retirees

Sydlik distributed a copy of the letter given to WMU retirees.

#### Fundraising Idea

Judith Canaan, Coordinator, Monographic Acquisitions, WMU Libraries, discussed a fundraising activity that may be appropriate for the Friends. Commemorative tiles could be purchased by alumni, students, families of students, or anybody wanting to commemorate somebody. It was suggested that maybe the tiles could be in the shape of books. It was also suggested that holographic images could be explored. Similar successful projects have been launched at Centennial Park in Atlanta, the Georgia Aquarian, and the Southern Poverty Law Center's Wall of Tolerance. She has also discussed the potential spaces for this project with Buckner. The third floor roof garden has been suggested as one possibility. A motion was made and unanimously passed to form a committee to explore this project. The committee will include Canaan, Buckner, and Fritz. (Carlson/Jung) Sydlik will email Reish and ask him if he would be willing to do any networking needed in the University. Sheldon will contact Paul MacNellis of Landscaping Services.

#### Fall Speaker/Program Planning

Planning is underway for the program, scheduled for November 14. Dr. William Anderson will speak at 4:30. It was suggested that a committee invite Anderson for a post program dinner. Carlson is trying to get Senator Tom George to provide introductions. It was suggested to find a larger venue for this event. Two possible sites suggested included the small recital hall at the Dalton Center or the Fetzer Center.

#### Winter Program Planning

Seiler will ask Dr. Susan Steuer, new head of Special Collections, to provide a program in the winter. It was suggested that she speak about her scholarly interests and specialization.

#### Better World Books

This item was tabled, pending a report from Meyer.

#### FOLUSA Website

Several have looked at the website. Sydlik wants to discuss this further at the September meeting.

#### Grants/Awards Committee

The deadline for the application is October 1. Seiler indicated that he is willing to chair the committee.

#### **Old Business**

#### Hurricane donation

This agenda item was tabled.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting is September 11, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.