

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

Present: Regina Buckner, Sharon Carlson, Greg Fitzgerald, Warren Fritz, Kathleen Garland-Rike, Randle Gedeon, Norman Jung, Thomas Seiler, David Sheldon.

Meeting called to order at 2:05.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as presented (Seiler/Carlson).

Approval of Minutes of the Feb. 4, 2008 meeting

Minutes approved as amended. (Jung/Seiler)

Current/New Business

Welcome/Announcements

Sheldon welcomed everybody. He reported on the registrations for the March 13 event. Three have been received so far and both Sheldon and Gerow have fielded several phone calls. The announcements have been distributed. There was an article in the *Gazette*. Sheldon is in touch with Dr. Best and everything is on target.

Sheldon circulated a card for Meyer, relative to the gift honoring her retirement. Buckner agreed to give Meyer the card.

Treasurer's Report

Buckner distributed the report and discussed the activities since last month. We received \$398.59 from Better World Books. The total receipts for the year have been \$1127.53. Gedeon announced that another 35 boxes have been prepared for shipment to Better World Books. Other areas of activity included postage for the mailing from the end of December through February. There are still some problems with the mailing list. Buckner will check on some of the reported problems.

Nominations Committee Recommendations

Due to travel and meetings, the committee has been unable to meet. Jung will have a report at the next meeting.

Old Business

Final plans for the March 13 Antique Book Road Show

Sheldon will get Dr. Best to Waldo. He discussed some of the needs for the evening, including a current membership list, cash box, receipt book, membership forms, and registered books. Buckner distributed a list of logistics for the evening and reviewed it. Several agreed to be at Waldo Library by 6:00 that evening to help with logistics. It was suggested have seating area near the appraisal. Dr. Best will appraise books in order of receipt of completed forms. Sheldon will have additional books lined up in case there are not enough registrants. Buckner is working on refreshments, which will include coffee, tea, and small desserts.

April Meeting and Program

Sheldon talked to Steuer about the date, which has not been determined.

Other Business

Poetry Reading Event

Steuer requested the Friends to provide a link from the website to publicize a WMU Women's Caucus/ English Department/Carole Ann Haenicke sponsored poetry reading by Mary Ruefle. The event will be March 27 at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception. The consensus was to help promote the event via a link from the Friends' website.

Field Trips

Carlson will prepare sign-up sheets to ascertain interest in a trip to the Gerald Ford Museum or to Larry Massie's private library. It was suggested that the field trips should be scheduled for May or June. The Ford Museum event would probably need to include lunch in Grand Rapids or catered box lunches. The Massie event could include light refreshments, such as punch and cookies.

The next meeting April 7.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52

Minutes taken by Carlson.