

Meeting of the Friends of the University Libraries Board of Directors. May 8, 2006.
Archives and Regional History Collections, 111 East Hall.

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

Minutes of the March 13, 2006

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept as presented. (Warren/Jung)

Treasurer's Report

Buckner will email the report.

Current/New Business

Welcomes

Sydlik welcomed Kathleen Garland-Rike and David Sheldon.

Master List

Bettina will check with Kathy Gerow on the master list of board appointments.

Grant Committee Report

Seiler reported two grants were made of \$400 each plus whatever fees the University imposes for taxes. The grants will support staff completing graduate library science courses. An additional application was deferred back to the Board. The deferred application involved a training from last November. There was discussion on the implications when awards are made to the University Libraries to pay for a training. Meyer reported on the specifics of the training involved. She will check with Buckner on the financial ramifications. This application should be acted on before the end of the fiscal year. Betting also added that she supported the type of training requested in the grant application. Two staff members agreed to post the opportunity to apply for these grants on a staff bulletin board.

Spring Gathering Recap

The consensus was that the event was a success. Carlson will prepare some meeting minutes and get the financial information from Buckner's report.

FUL Website

A motion was made and unanimously approved to post minutes dating back to January 2006 on the website. (Carlson/Jung) It was also suggested that Whang be asked to take a photo of the board as a whole and that each board member submit 3 to 4 introductory sentences. Carlson will follow up on this with Whang.

Membership to Retiring Faculty

The consensus was that it was a relatively easy and inexpensive gesture of offer free one year memberships to retiring WMU faculty. It was also suggested that FUL send a

postcard before the fall gathering to remind them of their membership. Sheldon agreed to greet the new retirees at the faculty dinner on May 16.

Fall Speaker

The Elaine Didier program was discussed and the various options, Ann Arbor trip, Grand Rapids trip, or a presentation at Waldo Library. Meyer will follow up with Didier. It was also suggested that the Didier program could be postponed until the spring. Two other potential programs were discussed, including a Civil War oriented program in the fall to coincide with the conclusion of the digitization project and a program in the winter to introduce the new Head of Special Collections.

FOLUSA Website

Meyer has received two newsletters.

Old Business

Web-site Committee

Sydlik suggested reactivating this committee and working on the website. Carlson and Garland-Rike indicated a willingness to serve. It was suggested that minutes, grants, and links to projects and other pertinent sites should be included.

Membership and publicity

A motion was made and unanimously approved to extend a free one year membership to lifetime borrowers (doctoral graduates). (Carlson/Fritz)

Hurricane donation

Meyer will report at June meeting.

Better World Books

Regina has access to the data. Sharon will send the link to the Friends to Better World Books.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 12.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Minutes recorded by S. Carlson.