

Friends of the University Libraries

Board Meeting: 2 - 3:30 p.m., Monday, January 8, 2007

Present: Sharon Carlson, Scott Garrison, Norman Jung, Bettina Meyer, Thomas Seiler, David Sheldon, Mary Anne Sydlik.

Sydlik called the meeting to order at 2:10.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and approved to accept the agenda as amended. (Seiler/Jung)

Minutes of the October 16, 2006 Meeting

The minutes of the October 16, 2006 meeting were approved as presented. (Jung/Meyer)

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. There was discussion as to whether funds were dispersed to staff awardees from March 2006.

Current/New Business

Fall Speaker Civil War Diaries

The fall program was a success. An estimated 75 people attended the program and several went to the reception.

Fund-raising Committee

There was no update at this point on the project proposed by Judi Canaan.

Website Committee

Garland-Rike was not present to report.

Grant Committee

Seiler reported on the considerable confusion about the process. Two applications had insufficient information. One person expressed surprise that the application had made its way to the committee at all and asked that the request be withdrawn from consideration. There was confusion as to whether requests submitted earlier in 2006 had received any response from the committee. There was general discussion about the process and guidelines.

The consensus was to allow six weeks for processing requests. It was also suggested to encourage an electronic submission and investigate how the Friends could get an email address. Carlson will check on the email issue. The consensus is that the chair of the committee will make regular reports to the board concerning disbursement of funds and will have the authority to complete reimbursement request forms.

A motion was made and approved to having rolling deadlines for the grant program. (Sheldon/Jung)

A motion was made and approved that the chair of the Grants Committee has the authority once the committee has made a decision to inform the application of the committee's decision, including any constraints. (Sheldon/Carlson)

Nomination Committee

Carlson distributed copies of the nomination committee minutes of October 27, 2006. There were no further actions after the meeting of October 27, 2006. Seiler indicated that cannot take on additional responsibilities at this point. Sheldon agreed to consider taking on the leadership role of chairperson.

Winter Program Susan Steurer

Sydlik reminded people to attend the program on January 19. The program title is "From Widows to Western."

Spring Gathering – Elaine Didier

Sydlik will contact Didier about a spring program. Other speakers were suggested including Marianne Swierenga of New Issues Press. Another possible program could focus on bio diesel research underway at Western Michigan University. It was also suggested that Bettina Meyer be recognized at this meeting for her work on behalf of the Friends.

New Business

The next meeting is Monday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes taken by Carlson.