

Minutes Friends of the University Libraries, Board Meeting, September 10, 2007, 111 East Hall.

Present: Regina Buckner, Sharon Carlson, Barbara Cockrell, Gregory Fitzgerald, Warren Fritz, Kathleen Garland-Rike, Randle Gedeon, Laurel Grotzinger, Norman Jung, Joseph Reish, David Sheldon, Mary Anne Sydlik, Beth Timmerman.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda approved as presented.

Minutes of the July 2, 2007 meeting

The minutes approved as presented. (Fritz/Steuer)

Current/New Business

Welcome/Announcements

Sheldon introduced Laurel Grotzinger, editor of *Gatherings*. He has asked Grotzinger to attend meetings as an ex-officio because her input and support are essential. There was discussion about the mailing of *Gatherings*. Buckner will have Gerow look at the list and identify the problems. Sheldon welcomed Barbara Cockrell, the new Associate Dean for Collections and Technical Services. It was suggested that we invite John Dunn because he is an ex-officio member. Sheldon distributed a list of committees and members and asked for any corrections.

Events/Membership: Warren Fritz (Chair), Judi Canaan, Regina Buchner, Greg Fitzgerald, Beth Timmerman.

Grants: Tom Seiler (Chair), Rita Franks, Kathleen Garland-Rike, Robin Williams, LSAB

Website: Kathleen Garland-Rike (Chair), Sharon Carlson, Randle Gedeon

Julie Hayward is the new chair of LSAB. Judi Canaan has retired but is still interested in serving. Randle will get in touch with Judi to see if she is still willing to serve on the Events/Membership committee.

Membership/Treasury Report

Sheldon emailed a list of the current membership list to Board Members. There seem to be anomalies. He requested members to look at the list and report problems. There was discussion on when membership dues arrive. Gerow has reported that about 50% arrive in December. Sheldon and Reish will work on the list with Gerow. There was discussion on having the membership on a calendar year to help with recruitment and notification. A motion was made and unanimously approved to have the membership for a calendar year starting January 1. In the transition period of 2007-2008, people who pay in the last months of 2007 will get extra months credited to their membership of 2008. (Garland-Rike/Carlson) There was also discussion about notification of membership renewal. There was also discussion about the low levels of membership among Library faculty and staff. Grotzinger will talk to faculty. Sheldon will write a letter. Buckner suggested that the letter encourage staff to join FUL in lieu of time given in the past for book sale events.

Buckner distributed a Treasury Report. There was not much activity in new membership. \$270.44 in income was received from Better World Books. The only expense has been postage. Buckner explained the flow of funds from the Foundation and how it is reflected on the Treasury Report. Buckner has not received paperwork from the Friends about the Dexheimer award. There was also discussion about donations to organizations, such as Katrina relief. Buckner discussed this with the University Attorney. As far as University is concerned, we cannot donate funds to organizations or to individuals. We are close to breaking even with the Better World

Books income and possibly ahead considering the amount of staff time that went into book sales. Randle has now sent two shipments. There was discussion about the amount of funds received versus the revenue from the book sale.

Report on Fall Event

Sheldon contacted Dr. Steve Bertman in Chemistry about the November 14 program. Bertman will provide a general presentation. Sheldon will finalize details, including the location which may be in the new Chemistry building. The events committee will help promote it and contact the *Gazette*. Jung suggested contacting President Dunn to see if he could provide a welcome. Sheldon will explore this possibility. It was suggested that the meeting start at 4:00 to facilitate parking and encourage staff attendance.

Report First Ladies Poetry Event

Steuer extended an invitation to the Board to attend a poetry reading on September 21. The reading will thank Carol Haenicke for her support of Special Collections and work on behalf of the University and welcome Linda Dunn.

Report on Potential Spring Program

Steuer distributed information an exhibition that will be sponsored by the Spanish Department. The traveling exhibit is sponsored by the Xunta of Galicia to promote tourism. The Events Committee will pursue a speaker and program in conjunction with this event

Discussion of Other Possible Events

Sheldon talked about a rare book appraisal event featuring Dr. James Best. Sheldon will contact Best. It was suggested that people could bring a donation of \$5.00. Possible dates will be considered at a future meeting. Sheldon indicated that he would be willing to host Dr. Best, who would be traveling from Kent, Ohio.

Website issues – Website Committee

Garland-Rike reported that all minutes have been posted. There was discussion on the posting of links. Sheldon will contact Meyer about criteria for posting suggested websites. Cockrell will see if any of this information is in Meyer's files. The staff award pages need to be posted and revised. Sheldon will consult with Seiler. The Friends new email address needs to be added to the site as well.

Old Business

Recommendation for Bettina's "Gift"

Steuer noted there will be copyright implications for digitizing a contemporary author's work. Carlson provided information on a project involving Civil War letters. She will provide revised figures at the next meeting. Grotzinger asked about the gift money donated in Bettina Meyer's honor upon her retirement and wondered if some of these funds could be used toward digitization. Reish indicated that it has not been determined how the funds will be used except that it will be toward digitization. It could include equipment or naming space in the Digitization Center for her. Buckner and Reish will provide a report in October. Cockrell noted that Alexander Street Press has an interest in the project and would like to link to it.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40.

The next meeting is October 1.