

**Friends of the University Libraries, Board Meeting, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Monday,
January 7, 2008, 111 East Hall**

Present: Carlson, Fitzgerald, Fritz, Garland-Rike, Gedeon, Jung, Sheldon, Seiler, Steuer, Timmerman.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as presented. (Carlson/Fritz)

Approval of Minutes of the December 3, 2007 Meeting

Minutes of the December meeting were approved unanimously. (Seiler/Jung)

Current/New Business

Welcome/Announcements

Sheldon welcomed everybody. He noted the email address is included on the website. He has given officers the password to access it. He suggested that we also list upcoming events. We can include our latest flier for our upcoming programs. We can also attach a form for appraisal of items. He noted that the most recent minutes needed to be posted. Garland-Rike and Carlson indicated they would contact Whang.

Sheldon distributed the last three hard copy editions of FOLUSA. After the Board is done with them, he will give them to Gerow. She will place them on file. We will archive them with Gerow. He emailed the Board with information about electronic membership. We can get archived copies online but not the most recent copies. .

Treasurer's Report

Gedeon provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report prepared by Buckner. There have been no new members but renewals are coming in. There is an additional receipt \$728 for BWB. There was also payment on the FOLUSA so it reflects the activity since the last report. Gedeon wants to schedule another book sorting project in February.

New Recommendations on March Fund Raiser Event

Fritz distributed copies of the December 20 minutes of the Committee. Fritz noted that the date event should be Thursday, March 27. The later date was scheduled for a variety of reasons including weather, daylight, and March holidays. The scheduling of the event was discussed at length, including revisiting the original March 13 date. Sheldon agreed to contact the speaker to determine if this date will work because Best has surgery scheduled for mid-March. Timmerman noted that there is a program scheduled March 27 at the Kalamazoo Public Library which could also draw some of the same audience. Fritz agreed to contact Buckner to determine if the March 13 date is feasible.

The lecture will begin at 7:00 and last for 30 to 45 minutes. The appraisal portion of the program will begin at 7:45. The lecture is free for members. Non-members must pay \$10 and will receive a one year membership. All participants wishing to have books appraised must pay \$5.00 per title. Jim Best will receive \$1.00 of this. Participants may submit a maximum of two titles. Students will be charged \$5.00 rate and pay the same for appraisal.

There will be a form that participants may complete prior to the event. The form will require payment with submission and a deadline in advance of the event. Forms received by the deadline will be given priority on the night of the event. Other appraisals will be handled as time permits. If there are more appraisals than can be accommodated the evening of the event, Best

may be able to handle some of them after the event. Having the early deadline will provide information on the level of interest and facilitate the appraisal portion of the program.

Reish agreed to send a letter to all members of the Friends extending a personal invitation. Carlson will send information to the Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society and the Kalamazoo County Historical Society. Garland-Rike will provide publicity information to the Oshtemo Historical Society. Other publicity venues will include the *Gazette*, Bronson Place, Friendship Village, Parkview Hills, local libraries, used bookstores, Pfizer, KIA, and the *Western News*.

Update on Plans for Spring Event

Steuer is working with a faculty member who has a contact. She does not have the date yet. The faculty member will know by the end of January

Elaine Didier and Larry Massie Field Trips

Fritz contacted Didier at the Gerald Ford Museum. The Museum will have a new exhibit May 14-July 25 to celebrate Ford's 95th birthday and an upcoming publication commemorating his life. Carlson will contact Massie to determine if FUL could have a field trip to view his private library. Fritz will contact Didier again for potential dates. We will identify the level of interest in these road trips at upcoming meetings.

Old Business

Update on Plans for Bettina's "Gift"

Carlson provided the information to Buckner about the student working on the project. Sheldon will contact Buckner to see if there is additional information needed.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting in April involves electing the board and new officers. At the February meeting Sheldon will appoint a Nomination Committee. He will also consult Grotzinger about what needs to be done to expand the number of ex-officio members. Steuer noted that the Friends parts of the meeting will have to be separated from the general meeting which will be open to the public. Steuer suggested having the business meeting in the tower and moving to the Meader Room for the program could work. It will be sometime during the first two weeks of April but Steuer does not have the exact date scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Next meeting is February 4, 2008.

Minutes taken by Sharon Carlson.