

Friends of the University Libraries Board Meeting, April 6, 2009, 111 East Hall

Present: Buckner, Carlson, Fritz, Garland-Rike, Grotzinger, Jung, Sheldon, Steuer, Zastrow.

Welcome/Announcements

Garland-Rike called the meeting to order at 2:02 and welcomed everybody.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda. (Carlson/Jung)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as amended. (Zastrow/Jung)

New Business

Treasurer's Report

Buckner distributed a report. We received \$165 as a result of the Road Show event. There were expenditures of \$28.80. There have been no new memberships or renewals. There was discussion on when the membership renewals are sent out. There was also discussion on acknowledgements for donations. Buckner indicated there have been some changes in the administrative office. There are new staff and Gerow has been out of the office.

Committee Reports

Website – Garland-Rike will talk to Timmerman about the website. Carlson indicated that she has minutes to get to Whang. Grotzinger indicated that she talked to Whang about getting *Gatherings* on the main website. Sheldon's date of service needs to be updated.

Nominating – Sheldon reported that three people are going off, including Buckner, Carlson, and Fritz. We are re-electing Fitzgerald, Garland-Rike, and Timmerman. Jung, Sheldon, Steuer, and Zastrow will continue, as will Gedeon as the liaison from University Libraries. We have three new candidates Mary Carroll, Scott Smith, and Jenni Walker. Smith has agreed to be treasurer. There is nothing about student membership in the by-laws. We may want to elect her as a student representative. This would require a by-laws change. It was suggested that it may be a one year term because it may not be practical to ask a student to serve a three year term. It was suggested that we could do this in May at the annual meeting. It was suggested that this information be sent out prior to the meeting. It was suggested that the wording may be "when desirable a student may be appointed." Garland-Rike has agreed to serve as president. Steuer agreed to serve as vice president. Timmerman was suggested as a candidate for secretary.

Staff Awards – Fitzgerald has given the information to Whang and the site has been updated.

Annual Meeting – President Dunn is available May 13 from 4 to 5 for the Meader Room. The display from the Newberry will be in. It is unsure if Linda Dunn will be available. President Dunn will be there for one hour. He would prefer to do a short presentation, a question and

answer, and a reception. We can do the business meeting at 3:45 before the meeting. The annual meeting will be from 3:45 to 5:00.

Old Business

Spring Event – Antique Books Road Show – Recap

Twenty-two people attended. We earned \$165. Buckner distributed a list of appraisals and attendees. The names were taken from the guest book and receipts. Buckner will turn the guest register over to Garland-Rike. We will use the register to record the names of non-member attendees in a spreadsheet so they may be informed of future Friends events. There was discussion on the event. The consensus was that it went well. The style of the presenters differed from last year. Book sellers have different specializations and some of the materials were challenging. We need to work with some established arts websites and be more proactive in marketing. There was discussion on how we would have handled additional people. The flow, without the lecture, was better. Sheldon noted that he received emails relative to last year's program.

Trip to Gerald Ford Museum in Grand Rapids – Fritz

The Museum is hosting an exhibit, *The Whitehouse in Miniature*, until the end of May. There are also some special speakers events in the next month. Logistics such as carpooling and identifying catering or nearby dining were considered. Fritz will get additional details and email the board about them.

Ex-officio Members – We need language for some of the proposed changes. The following changes were suggested. It was suggested that these changes be included on the back of the program announcement and also made available at the annual meeting

Article 6, item 1, second sentence. The president of the University and dean of libraries shall be ex-officio members. It is proposed to replace this with "The president of the university, the dean of libraries, and the editor of *Gatherings* shall be ex-officio members of the board of directors."

Article 6, item 5. "When possible an undergraduate or graduate student representative may be elected to the board for a year to year term. One individual may serve up to four individual terms."

Other Business

Program Special Collections and Archives – Steuer and Carlson agreed to develop a program for the fall focusing on new and revisited collections in their respective units.

Any of us who live in the Kalamazoo Public Library district should be aware there is a millage renewal vote coming up May 5. If anybody would like a yard sign, there are two types of signs. "Library Champion" is available at the lower level of the main branch of the Kalamazoo Public Library. The "Vote" sign is at Sarkozy Bakery.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 P.M. The next meeting is May 4, 2009.