

Minutes Friends of the University Libraries, Board Meeting, Monday, June 2, 2008, 111 East Hall

Present: Regina Buckner, Sharon Carlson, Kathleen Garland-Rike, Randle Gedeon, Norman Jung, David Sheldon, Beth Timmerman, Joyce Zastrow

Welcome

Garland-Rike welcomed new board member Joyce Zastrow and thanked David Sheldon for agreeing to serve another term. Zastrow introduced herself. She retired from the School of Music in January 1991 where she taught voice, pedagogy, and song literature. She lives in the Oakwood east area. Others introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 7, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected. (Jung/Sheldon) Minutes of April 15, 2008 were discussed. These will be approved at the 2009 annual meeting.

New Business

Treasurer's Report

We now have \$14,213.29. Over \$700 has been received from Better World Books. Gedeon continues to send books. Jung indicated that profits are comparable to proceeds from the book sales. Buckner said that it is even more significant, given the amount of staff labor required for sorting and day of sale staffing. Gedeon reported on the space issues. He just finished going through 30 boxes from Comparative Religion. There was discussion about soliciting more donations of books. The consensus was that if there are enough volunteers and the material is saleable, it might be worthwhile.

Thank You Cards for Outgoing Board Members

A thank you card was sent around and signed for Tom Seiler.

Committee Assignments

Garland-Rike reviewed the various committees.

Website - Kathleen Garland-Rike has been handling the website committee. She talked to Michael Whang about changes to the Friends Website. Whang indicated that he wants to meet with the Friends to discuss updates to the website. Timmerman and Buckner agreed to serve on the Website Committee.

Events/PR – This is a very important committee because events constitute one of the major activities of the Friends. Fritz was nominated to chair the committee. Zastrow, Jung, and Steuer will serve on the committee.

Nominating Committee – This committee should begin working early in 2009 in order to identify individuals interested in serving. Carlson and Sheldon agreed to serve on the committee.

FOLUSA – This person serves as a liaison to FOLUSA. Garland-Rike indicated that she would be interested in serving in this capacity.

Staff Awards Committee – Tom Seiler formerly chaired this committee. Fitzgerald and Gedeon will serve on this committee.

Report & Follow-up -- Trip to Larry Massie's Library

A thank you card was passed around and signed for Larry Massie. Thirteen people attended and had a good time. Larry provided a tour of the library. Priscilla provided refreshments. Hans Engelke brought his camera and took some photos. Copies of the photos will be sent to Larry and Priscilla. There was discussion on whether to provide an honorarium. Motion to pay an honorarium to Larry Massie of \$50 and honorary membership to the Friends and the sheet music. (Sheldon/Carlson)

Kathy Gerow

There was discussion about the many activities performed by Kathy Gerow on behalf of the Friends. She takes care of membership renewal forms, takes phone calls and reservations, makes publicity materials and all arrangements for the events. There was a motion to provide an honorary membership to Gerow for her years of service to the Friends. (Buckner/Sheldon)

Honorary Memberships

Carlson will find certificates for honorary members and bring them to the August meeting. There was discussion about including a list of honorary members on the Friends' website.

Trip to Gerald Ford Museum in Grand Rapids

Warren Fritz working on this. There is a special exhibit through the end of July, *Extraordinary Circumstances: Gerald R. Ford by White House photographer David Kennerly*. Fritz will call Elaine Didier to arrange for a special tour. Carlson has information on people who indicated an interest. She would be willing to contact those who expressed an interest.

Fall Event Planning

Garland-Rike asked for ideas on fall events. Suggested speakers and programs included Diet Eman on the Dutch resistance during World War II, wind energy, and Dr. David Karowe. Sheldon will investigate the wind energy program. There are also possibilities of collaborative programming, such as the Newberry Library exhibit at the Medieval Congress in 2009. Steuer indicated that she would investigate. Carlson indicated that she would like to work on an event related to the Upjohn Company and the records processing project in early 2009. Buckner indicated there is a new exhibit in the works related to the previous Shared Waters exhibit.

Old Business

Next meeting will be August 4 at the Archives.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Minutes taken by S. Carlson.