

Meeting of the Friends of the University Libraries, March 13, 2006, Ravenwood Coffee House.

Present: Regina Buckner, Sharon Carlson, Warren Fritz, Norman Jung, David McKee, Mary Anne Sydlik.

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 by president Sydlik.

Minutes of January 10, 2006

The Minutes of the January 10, 2006 meeting were approved as presented. (Jung/Buckner)

Treasurer's Report

Buckner distributed the report, which included all of the fiscal year activity. She noted an influx of membership renewals that occurred after the December mailing. We are probably closer to 155 members. Buckner noted that we may want to investigate the American Library Association's program for friends groups.

Thirty boxes have been sent to Better World Books. We have not received any funds yet. Our first shipments have been there about 3 weeks. We should also expect some additional income from WMU Foundation funds that come through direct deposit gifts to the Friends.

There was discussion about a 2004 grant made to the Marketing Committee. The Committee wondered how much money they had left to spend. The consensus was that since the funds had not been spent in the 2004-2005 year, the Marketing Committee needs to submit a new request.

Current/New Business

Warren Fritz to Serve Term of Charles Spaniola

Fritz was welcomed. He will serve the remainder of Spaniola's term.

Meetings at the Archives

Carlson will investigate this and report at a future meeting. .

Suggested slate of New At-Large members

Kathleen Garland-Rike has accepted and will be included on the slate of at-large members. Buckner will follow up with Don Galow. McKee and Buskirk will rotate off. McKee agreed to compile a master list of term expirations before he rotates off. The number of turnovers has been confusing.

Slate of officers for the 2006-2007 term

The slate of Sydlik as President, Fritz as Vice-president, and Buckner as Treasurer was unanimously approved. (Jung/Carlson).

Spring Gathering, Friday April 7 at 3:30pm

There was discussion about arrangement for the program. The tours begin at 3:30. The election and business meeting will occur at 4:45. Buckner will work with Kathy Gerow to produce publicity materials.

Fall Speaker - G R Ford Museum/ Elaine Didier

McKee will provide contact information to Sydlik. Sydlik will also try to determine if there is interest in sponsoring a trip to Grand Rapids. .

Grant Committee

The Committee will be meet on Wednesday March 15 to review three submissions. Sydlik will pass information along via email. There was discussion on how the awards are made. When a person attends a conference, the Libraries can make arrangements. Class reimbursements may result in some tax liability to the awardees because Western cannot pay another institution.

Old Business

Web-site Committee

The was tabled.

Membership and publicity

There was a discussion on membership. By far, employees and retired faculty make up the largest membership constituency. Additional members include some community people,

graduates of the WMU library school, and vendors. McKee noted that in the past a one year membership had been extended to all retirees. There was a discussion about forming a new division within the friends to accommodate the interest of those interested in special collections or the archives.

Other

Meyer will report on hurricane donations at a future meeting.

Next Meetings

The April 7 meeting at the Upjohn Library at Kalamazoo College will be the annual meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is May ?

Meeting adjourned at 3:50.