

## **Friends of the University Libraries Board Meeting, August 17, 2009, 111 East Hall**

**Present:** Fitzgerald, Garland-Rike, Gedeon, Jung, Sheldon, Smith, Steuer, Timmerman, Walker, Zastrow

### **Welcome/Announcements**

Garland-Rike called the meeting to order at 2:08 and welcomed everyone. She announced that she will not be able to attend the October meeting.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes. (Fitzgerald/Jung)

### **New Business**

#### Treasurer's Report

Smith distributed a report. We received \$411.85 from Better World Books and \$10.00 in membership renewals. We committed to \$700.00 in staff awards. The current balance is \$16,139.97.

#### Committees

Committee members were chosen for the coming year.

Website – Fitzgerald

Events/PR – Steuer, Walker, Zastrow

Nominating – Carroll, Sheldon, Timmerman

FOLUSA – Garland-Rike

Staff Awards – Gedeon, Jung

### **Old Business**

Fall Events – Steuer reported that Katherine Joslin and Daneen Wardrop will do a program in the fall in connection with the release of their books. The presentation will involve poets, fashion and history. The books are scheduled to be out sometime in September so a late October or November program is a possibility. Steuer and Sharon Carlson will set a date for their presentation on the Archives and Rare Book collections that will not conflict with the other program – possibly October. Steuer will try to have dates set by the next meeting.

Trip to Gerald Ford Museum - Zastrow reported that the Ford Museum has six permanent exhibits and will be hosting the travelling exhibit *Picturing the Century: One Hundred Years of Photography from the National Archives* from September through December. A guided tour of the museum will take approximately half an hour. It was suggested that the trip to the museum be delayed until possibly March or April and be scheduled when

Elaine Didier, director of the Ford presidential library and museum, will be available to give a behind the scenes tour. Zastrow will investigate further.

Energy program – It was suggested that the alternative energy series be postponed until spring. Fitzgerald will investigate possible topics. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Updating the renewal letter – Garland-Rike presented a revision of the membership renewal letter. The revision included thanks for past support and request for renewal, discussion of items supported by the group, and *Gatherings*. She asked that further suggestions for revision be sent to her. Sheldon suggested that the letter be completed and sent to Kathy Gerow by early November for mailing in mid-November.

Staff Awards – Fitzgerald reported that two staff awards were approved:

-Lois Tolhurst, coordinator of non-print cataloging, to attend an ALA pre-conference program on cataloging digital material. Up to \$400 for expenses.

-Lou Ann Morgan, coordinator of digitization projects, to attend an ALA pre-conference program, “After the Grant Runs Out.” Up to \$300 for expenses.

The conference has taken place and reports and receipts are anticipated. Fitzgerald will follow up with the award recipients.

### **Other Business**

Sheldon reported that the Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library will host *Old Books: Trash or Treasure?* featuring Larry Massie discussing the value of old books and evaluating books brought in by audience members. This program is in celebration of the KPL Friends 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will take place on October 10 at 2pm.

Jung brought up the potential closing of the Library of Michigan for discussion. Timmerman reported on efforts by the genealogical community and the upcoming MLA rally at the Capitol on September 10.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22.

Next meeting: September 14, 2009 at 3:00 pm.