

Friends of the University Libraries Board Meeting, September 14, 2009, 111 East Hall

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

Welcome/Announcements

Garland-Rike called the meeting to order at 3:04 and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended. (Jung/Steuer)

New Business

Treasurer's Report

Smith distributed a report. The current balance is \$16,585.12.

Old Business

Fall Events – Steuer reported that she had not heard back on a date for the fall fashion history program. An early November date is still expected. The new acquisitions program featuring Steuer and Sharon Carlson will be October 14 in the Meader Room at 4:00 pm. Members of the history honors society, Phi Alpha Theta, will be invited to attend. Steuer will work with Kathy Gerow on a flyer for the event.

Waldo Grad Student Open House – Steuer reported that the Friends will have a table for new memberships at the Waldo Library open house for grad students. The event takes place on September 15, 2009 and is intended to introduce grad students to services provided by library staff. The Friends are donating \$100 for the event.

Ford Museum trip – Zastrow spoke to Elaine Didier about a behind the scenes tour. Didier assured her that the tour was possible and referred her to James Kratsas, the Deputy Director of the museum. Kratsas said they would be available for the tour any time from November on. Zastrow to follow up on possibility of a Saturday tour.

Spring Alternative Energy Event – Fitzgerald could not attend the meeting but had sent an email concerning the alternative energy event. He forwarded several suggestions of faculty members involved in alternative energy research and suggested the best option as:

Dr. Bade Shrestha, S. O., PhD, P. Eng.

Email: Bade.Shrestha@wmich.edu

Phone: (269)276-3432

Mechanical Engineering

Does research in fuel cell evaluation and renewable and sustainable energy development.

Runs the alternative fuel research laboratory at CEAS

http://www.wmich.edu/mae/research_labs/alternate_fuel/

This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Updating the renewal letter – Garland-Rike will send letter out for review by board members before the next meeting.

Membership mailing list – Garland-Rike will ask Kathy Gerow to send list to Steuer for review at next meeting.

Other Business

Selecting a replacement Board member for Carroll – Garland-Rike read an excerpt from a note from Mary Carroll who regrettably found it necessary to step down from her position on the Friends Board. It was determined that the current number of board members is within the limits set by the bylaws so no replacement will be sought at this time.

Sheldon reminded the Board of the 50th anniversary event being presented by the Friends of the Kalamazoo Public Library. Larry Massie will present “Old Books: Trash or Treasure” on October 10 at 2:00 in the VanDeusen Room of the Kalamazoo Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00.

Next meeting: October 5, 2009 at 2:00 pm.