

Board Meeting: 2 – 3:30 p.m., Monday, November 3, 2008, 111 East Hall

Present; Sharon Carlson, Kathleen Garland-Rike, Randle Gedeon, Norman Jung, David Sheldon, Susan Steuer, Beth Timmerman, Joyce Zastrow.

Welcome/Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 by Garland-Rike.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved. (Jung/Carlson)

Approval of Minutes

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

New Business

Treasurer's Report

Buckner was not present.

Committee Reports

Website – Timmerman had a phone meeting with Michael Whang about entering items into the calendar. Timmerman will add the upcoming Board meetings. Sheldon asked that we convey our appreciation to Michael Whang for his work on the website.

Events/PR - There was nothing to report.

Nominating – Sheldon and Carlson will confer at the beginning of the year after memberships have been renewed.

FOLUSA – Garland-Rike brought copies that Buckner gave her. Gerow has the complete set of newsletters. Buckner indicated that she would get the copies circulating. Garland-Rike will follow up. The FOLUSA website indicates that the *News Update* is a bi-monthly publication.

Staff Awards – Gedeon and Fitzgerald met with the new LSAB board in the middle of October. They were well received. Fitzgerald would like to edit some of the information on the website. Fitzgerald and Gedeon would like to make the process easier. They are also trying to create awareness. We may want to revisit guidelines. It was also suggested that we may want to consider is how to combine with LSAB monies. Also, if there is no activity, could the money carry over? It was suggested that Fitzgerald and Gedeon look at the guidelines and bring ideas to the December meeting for consideration.

Recap of Fall Wind Energy Program

Garland-Rike reported that it was very well attended. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. The *Herald* also covered the event but did not include the name of the sponsoring

organization. Garland-Rike will write a letter to the editor of the *Herald* about the sponsorship. The consensus was that this would be a good idea.

Old Business

Spring Event – Antique Books Road Show

Carlson will follow up with questions about the date, format, and the appraisal of ephemera.

Trip to Gerald Ford Museum in Grand Rapids

Garland-Rike has not heard from Fritz. It was agreed that this would be a good spring event. There is an upcoming exhibit on the White House.

Honorary Members

Garland-Rike received the following list: Diether and Carol Haenicke, Laurel Grotzinger, and Leta Schoenhals are Lifetime Members of the Friends of the University Libraries. Larry Massie needs to be added to this list. It was suggested that these names be included on the Friends' website.

Gatherings Update

Garland-Rike has been wondering about whether there should be a committee for the purposes of identifying and writing articles for the *Gatherings*. Carlson has been working on the article on the history of the Friends and fundraising. Gedeon is willing to work on an article for the spring on gift books. This can be a formal agenda item next month.

New Look Website

It was suggested that a banner for the Friends run from time to time on the Website. It was also suggested that the events needs to be more prominent on the Friends page. Timmerman also addressed the calendar. There are limitations as to what can be included. It may be difficult or not possible to add this information. It was also discussed whether we could have a static banner or another link on the webpage. Timmerman will contact Michael Whang and discuss some of these issues.

Other Business

Kalamazoo Book Arts Center

Steuer reported that Jeff Abshear from the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center would be willing to do a demonstration of paper making, printing or book binding. Steuer will ask Abshear about a date in early 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06.

Minutes taken by Carlson.