

*Friends of University Libraries WMU*, Board Meeting: 2 – 3:30 p.m., Monday  
September 8, 2008, 111 East Hall

**Present:** Regina Buckner, Sharon Carlson, Randle Gedeon, Greg Fitzgerald, David Sheldon, Beth Timmerman, Norman Jung, Warren Fritz, Kathleen Garland-Rike, Susan Steuer.

### **Welcome/Announcements**

Called to order by Vice President, Warren Fritz, at 2:05

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with an additional item submitted by Buckner.  
(Sheldon/Fitzgerald)

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of August were approved as presented. (Jung/Buckner)

### **New Business**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Buckner distributed the report. The major activity involved additional revenue. We have received over \$910 since July 1. That includes a \$550.10 check from Better World Books and also includes \$360.10 in new membership funds. At Western donations go through Development and the funds are transferred to the departments in August. Some of the memberships go through the Foundation and some go directly to the University Libraries. \$8.82 was spent on postage. We have \$13,686.91 in the balance. We received deposits of more than \$1,800 last year from Better World Books. .

#### **Committee Reports**

**Website** - Timmerman provided a report. The statistics are now updated and linked to a site maintained by Barbara Cockrell. Michael Whang also has some ideas on how to update the events. It was suggested that we forgo the photo today until next month when more board members are present. Whang will be invited to next month's meeting to talk about revising the website and taking a photo of the Board for the Friends website.

**Staff Awards** - It was discussed that there could be more publicity. It was suggested that some staff may want to go to ALA in Chicago this year. Sheldon will follow up on finding out about a KPL bus as Timmerman suggested.

**Fall Event Planning** - Sheldon has been working on it. We have the date and room selected. We're trying to gear up the publicity. Sheldon has supplied information to

Gerow. Fritz and Sheldon talked about circulating the flier through the KPL system and getting information to other libraries. Sheldon noted that KPL has been very good about distributing information. Sheldon will be out of town for a couple of weeks and asked if others could get this information to Thom Myers. The event will be on October 22 from 4-7 in room 1260 Chemistry Building. It was suggested to put this information in the jottings. We'll have the same refreshments as last fall, including the hot chocolate. We should probably plan for about 100.

Sidewalk sale (mid-September) with Kalamazoo Public Friends - Sheldon reported on the upcoming event involving a book sale. He also provided general information about the organization and its activities. Sheldon also indicated that the organization is celebrating a 50th anniversary, although there were some earlier activities in the 1930s. To date, almost \$500,000 has been contributed in the last 50 years. Sheldon reported on the activities of the bookstore. Books sold for .25 to no more than \$2.50. They also sell some special/rare books. There will be a millage election this year. They have an annual meeting and usually a holiday event. They are planning on getting Larry Massie for a program this year.

Garland-Rike took over from this point

Honorary Members – There was general discussion on how many and who are honorary members. It was suggested that honorary members could be posted on the website, depending on the number. Garland-Rike will talk to Gerow about honorary members and get more information. It was also suggested that recent honorary members could be featured on the website, too.

Spring Event ideas – Carlson has been in touch with Gloria Tiller about another Antique Books Road Show. She will follow through. It was suggested that we don't have the lecture and focus on the appraisals. It was also suggested to include it on the website as soon as we have more information about the event.

Library of Ghent - Visitors from the Library of Ghent will be at Waldo Library on November 3. There will be some type of reception. Many details have not been finalized. It was suggested that as soon as details are made available. The timing has not been set yet. It was suggested that this event be publicized on the FUL website as soon as detail are available.

### **Old Business**

Trip to Gerald Ford Museum in Grand Rapids. Fritz will report on this next time.

### **Other Business**

Request for Money - Regina Buckner distributed information about the French in North America. She requested a \$200 donation for the event. This will help with the reception, remodeling, posters, and banners. They are on the first and second floor. The panels will

be up through April. A motion was made and approved to support this exhibit and event by a \$200 contribution. (Carlson/Fritz)

*Gatherings* - Carlson talked to Laurel about the *Gatherings*. Grotzinger is open to having more information about the Friends in the publication. Carlson will find out the deadline. She will also find out if we could get a small box with a link to our website. Discussion continued about asking members of the Friends for preferred delivery of *Gatherings*. A question was raised about putting *Gatherings* on our website as an alternative to mailing print copies. It would provide greater access to a wider audience. We could ask members on the application form if they wish to have a paper copy. It may result in cutting down on hard copy and postage. Fitzgerald suggested the following, "Our newsletter is on our website. If you would like to receive a paper copy, we will be happy to do so." It was suggested that we first contact Grotzinger. Buckner will contact her. As for suggested articles, the following were suggested: Better World Books and Donations, Antique Book Road Show (article focusing on last year's event and looking ahead to the 2009 event).

Agenda Items for October:

Spring Event Antique Books Road Show

Gatherings Update

Next Meeting will be October 6.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:18

Minutes taken by Carlson.