Friends of the University Libraries Annual Meeting, May 7, 2011, Fetzer Center, Western Michigan University


Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 by Steuer. Steuer welcomed everyone.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented. (Garland-Rike/Zastrow)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 13, 2010 were approved as presented. (Carlson/Dunn)

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Steuer presented the report in the absence of Scott Smith. The report was approved as presented. (Meyer/Dunn)

Officers and Board Members for 2011/2012

Hearing no nominations from the floor, the following slate of officers and board members was presented.

President – Susan Steuer (2011-2012)
Vice President – Lynn Houghton (2011-2012)
Secretary – Sharon Carlson (2011-2013)
Treasurer – Scott Smith (2011-2013)


The slate of officers and board members was approved as presented. (Meyer/Seiler)

Gregory Fitzgerald and Kathleen Garland-Rike will continue their terms through 2012. Steuer has also had a few students indicate an interest in serving as the student appointee. They will contact Steuer when fall schedules are complete. The Board can make an appointment in the fall.

Honorary Lifetime Membership

Bettina Meyer was honored with the Lifetime Membership award for her years of service to the Friends of the University Libraries.
Events 2010-2011/Upcoming Events and Initiatives/Fundraising

Steuer reported on the events of the last year. A faculty presentation by Dr. Ken Steuer was well received. A “behind the scenes” event at the Archives drew about 26 people. This year the Friends also sponsored a program on book arts. The Friends began publishing a briefer and less expensive format publication, Friendly Notes. The Friends continue to sponsor one issue of Gatherings each year. There are more student members than before.

Upcoming events will include a “behind the scenes” event at the Music and Dance Library. There will be a brainstorming meeting during the June board meeting of the Friends which will focus on fundraising and other activities to be undertaken by the Friends in 2011-2012. All are welcome to attend both events.

WMU Legacy Collections Facility

Joseph Reish provided an overview of the events of the last year concerning the Legacy Collections Facility that will house the WMU Archives and Regional History Collections, materials currently stored in North Hall, and other materials from Waldo Library. The Town Hall meeting was a phenomenal success. Reish is working with the Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations to identify relevant foundations. Sharon Carlson met with an NEH program officer and the University is assembling a Challenge Grant. Staff at the WMU Archives and Regional History Collections have identified community partners and have assembled a list of publications and projects that drew from the archival collections.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Minutes taken by S. Carlson.