Friends of the University Libraries – Minutes of December 5, 2011 Meeting

Present: Susan Steuer, presiding; Sharon Carlson, Greg Fitzgerald, Kathleen Garland-Rike, Randle Gedeon, Lynn Houghton, Scott Smith, Joyce Zastrow.

Steuer welcomed everybody.

Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented. (Carlson/Houghton)

Minutes of November

There were two spelling errors on names, “Houghton” and “Jen” and “Bervin”. The minutes were approved as amended. (Fitzgerald /Zastrow )

Publications/Web Committee

Friendly Notes – Look at the draft and get back to Steuer if there are corrections.

Minutes on website – Carlson will send them to lib-web and have Whang place them on the website.

Banners – Steuer will talk to Whang for special web banners for upcoming events.

Events Committee

Behind the Scenes – Fitzgerald reported on the event. The turnout was low, possibly due to no email reminders, but it was enjoyed by those who attended. Carlson is pursuing the mailing list from Development.

Finals Food Event Fall – There will not be a finals food event due to staffing and funding according to Buckner.

Michael Nassaney – The location of this event will be confirmed. Houghton will coordinate refreshments.

Jen Bervin – We are in good shape for this event. There is additional publicity from other sponsoring groups.

Volunteer Event – Carlson and Steuer have been discussing this event. This event will be called “Donors of Time and Treasure” and will also involve those who have donated materials and time. It will be Thursday, June 7, 3:30-5:00.

Annual Meeting – Thursday, May 3, 3:30-5:00 - Steuer has approval from Buckner to have the annual meeting centered around the WMU Authors Collection on the first floor of Waldo Library. The reference department will also be involved in showing Friends some of our online resources. It was suggested to get a list of represented authors and contact some of them for a brief 10-15 minute presentation. For $50, we can get free parking at Shaw during the intersession week.

2012-13 Events Planning

Nate Powell/Gwen Tarbox – Steuer has a note from Nate Powell. It will cost about $800 for three days. The Book Arts Center has an apartment for lodging. Powell will provide a talk for the Friends and a show for the Book Arts Center. We may also get some additional support from other groups. Gwen Tarbox is very excited about speaking for the Friends in the fall.
Behind the Scenes – This will be at the newly completed Sangren Hall’s Education Library. This will be in spring 2013.

1893 World’s Fair Speaker – This will be spring 2013.

Awards Committee

Student Scholarship - Buckner sent out the request for student scholarships. LSAB has new leadership. Steuer talked to Megan Brown. Buckner and Brown know that the process involves a committee decision.

FUL Book Clubs

Kevin Barton wrote a piece for the FUL Book Club. It is a discussion group.

Archives Update

Carlson provided an update on the feasibility study. The building is reduced in size and no longer has classroom space, group study space, or adequate work space. It is likely that many of the archival materials would remain in poor storage conditions because there will not be enough storage space. FUL supports the ORIGINAL building plan. FUL will be happy to write a letter but we want to take care and avoid undermining any efforts. Steuer will speak to Dean Reish about how the Friends can be of help.

Medieval Congress Insurance Request

Steuer reported that there will be an exhibition from the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library during the Medieval Congress. Steuer needs $200 to insure the collection. A motion was made to provide funding for the insurance and it was approved unanimously. (Carlson/Garland-Rike)

The meeting adjourned at 3:03.

The minutes were taken by S. Carlson.