Minutes of the WMU Friends of the University Libraries Board, March 5, 2012, 111 East Hall.

Present: Lynn Houghton, presiding; Kathleen Garland-Rike, Randle Gedeon, Scott Smith, Joyce Zastrow.

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

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as amended. (Zastrow/Smith)

Treasurer’s Report. There was no new activity to report.

**Committee Reports**

Website

Fitzgerald was not present but submitted a report. He talked to Michael Whang and he has information for the banner ad for the Nassaney and Bervin programs.

Events

Michael Nassaney, March 14. Dr. Nassaney will present at 4:00 in the Meader Room. Gerow will prepare an email flyer to go to the development offices email list. Houghton will take care of the cookies. Dr. Nassaney will talk about his work at Fort St. Joseph.

Jan Bervin, March 28. The English department is handling all of the foods. Kalamazoo book Arts Center creating a flyer that will be sent via email.

Annual Meeting, May 3, 2012

The last month we went through the list. Steuer contacted people and three are willing to speak at the annual meeting, including George Beech, emeriti professor History; Mary Louise Anderson, assistant professor Counselor Education; and Andrew Targowski, professor Haworth College of Business. Several others have been approached and have already been booked. There will also be somebody from Central Reference who will talk about items in the Reference Department. The consensus was that this is sufficient.

Fall 2012/Spring 2013

Planning for the Nate Powell visit is going well. Steuer is still working out details with the Kalamazoo Book Arts group and English and Art Departments. She approached the KPL Friends. There wasn’t any initial interest. Houghton still will contact the person involved with programming. He will be here for about three days on and off-campus in October.

The 1893 Columbian Exposition – Steuer wanted to plan this program for the spring of 2013. Steuer contacted one speaker but that didn’t work out and so she is checking with her contacts at the Newberry Library. She hopes to have information by the April meeting.

Awards

Garland-Rike reported the student scholarship ceremony was a very nice event. She gave much credit to the students who received the awards and the people who nominated them. It was suggested that students receiving the awards should receive a one year complimentary membership to the organization. Houghton also remarked it was interesting to hear the student comments.
Nominations

Two people are rotating off and we may need a replacement for Annee Dunn depending on her situation. There may be a need for three. Email suggestions to Carlson.

Old Business

Legacy Collections Center

Houghton reported that Carlson has been having meetings about once a week. They are looking at floor plans and configurations. The timeframe is to break ground in 2012 and occupy the building by 2013. The location is now closer to Howard Street in the vicinity of Noble Lodge. The staff is working on preparing the collections for the move. There was discussion on the Valley storage and what will be done with materials at that site and what will happen if there is not enough space in the new building. The cost projections are still at 7 to 7.5 million. There was discussion about the transition and how it will affect operations.

New Business

Nichole Perk

Nikki Perk joined our meeting last month. She has been with the development office since the summer of 2011. Since our last meeting, Perk has left the University and taken a position with the Kalamazoo Country Club. We don’t know who we will be working with in the transition.

FUL Materials on ScholarWorks

There was discussion about including FUL materials on ScholarWorks. The Gatherings should probably be included on ScholarWorks but since the Friends has a website, it probably isn’t necessary to include minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30. (Garland-Rike/Smith)

The minutes were taken by S. Carlson.