Friends of the University Libraries, Western Michigan University
Minutes
October 4, 2010

Present: Garland-Rike, Gedeon, Houghton, Sheldon, Steuer, Timmerman, Zastrow

Meeting was called to order at 2:05

Agenda was approved (Houghton/Zastrow)

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as amended (Sheldon/Zastrow)

New Business

Treasurer’s Report

A printed report was distributed. The balance as of October 1, 2010 was $17,331.21.

Events

Steuer reported a volunteer speaker for a future Friends’ event: Dr. Kenneth Steuer speaking on "The YMCA and Cultural Transmission: Y Work with Chinese Laborers in France and African Workers in East Africa during World War I." Discussion to continue at a future meeting.

Touring the WMU Archives was suggested as a Friends event, possibly for mid-November. Steuer and Houghton to discuss with Sharon Carlson.

There was discussion of a special program for potential donors. The Archives tour had been considered for this purpose at one time. This is an ongoing consideration and would be arranged in cooperation with Kathleen Barnes in the WMU Development Office.

Steuer and Houghton reported that plans are ongoing for the joint Friends of University Libraries/Kalamazoo Public Library Friends annual meeting. A program highlighting early library “Friends” will be presented.

Steuer asked if the Friends want to help provide refreshments at Waldo Library for students studying for fall exams. Exam week begins December 13. Volunteers are needed to work at this event.

The group discussed the possibility of offering value-added events for Friends members only. It was suggested that there is no incentive to become a member if membership has no advantages. No decision was reached but the group will continue to consider this as future events are planned.
Steuer reported that the Friends have the opportunity to support funding for insurance for an exhibition of manuscripts from Ohio State University during the medieval congress. The date is not yet determined but the exhibition will probably take place only during the congress.

**Old Business**

**Banner**

Garland-Rike reported that the banner is still on hold, however she has successfully determined that the word “event” will not appear on it. Discussion of the banner continues and she will follow up. Sheldon suggested that this might be a good opportunity to design a specific Friends logo.

**New Membership Recruitment**

Steuer to discuss Friends options for recruiting new members with the president of LSAB. It was suggested that possibly a Friends representative could attend departmental meetings to briefly inform staff about membership in FUL.

**Other Business**

**Archives Building**

Houghton reviewed information given at the September FUL board meeting (see minutes for September 13, 2010) on the progress for finding a new home for the WMU Archives.

The next meeting is November 1, 2010.

Adjourned at 3:10.

Beth Timmerman
Secretary