Friends of the University Libraries, Minutes of October 3, 2011, 111 East Hall.

Present: Susan Steuer, presiding; Sharon Carlson, Annee Dunn, Greg Fitzgerald, Randle Gedeon, Lynn Houghton, Scott Smith.

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 2:07 by Steuer.

The agenda was approved as presented. (Houghton/Dunn)

Minutes of September 12, 2013

The minutes were approved as amended, with the correction of the word “fliers”. (Fitzgerald/Dunn)

Treasurer’s Report

Smith provided an update on the treasury. There is a $75 deduction for the bookmarks. There is also an estimated expense of $60 the Friends cost-share for the March event.

Old Business

a. Subcommittee reports

Web

Steuer has put in requests for a couple of banners.

b. Upcoming events

Shawn Sheehy

Steuer has been in contact with Shawn Sheehy. There is also an exhibit of pop-up books that have been inspirational and useful in his career. Steuer received a poster from Jeff Abshear. She has sent it to several departments. Houghton brought in the article from the Gazette. The event is 4:00 to 6:00.

Behind the Scenes – Music and Dance Library

This event is coming up. Steuer is working on a banner. She also needs a flyer for sending to departments.

Emeriti Council Presentation

This event is coming up in mid-October.

c. Other initiatives

Bookmarks

Houghton reported on the bookmarks that could be distributed at the reference desks at Portage, Kalamazoo, and Parchment libraries. It will be a small run of 300. The plan is that these would be handed out when patrons come with requests that cannot be fulfilled at the public library. It is with Howell to get printed. What may hold it up is the cutting process because it is not operational and the vendor that used to service it is not in business. Hopefully, these will be distributed in the next few weeks.
**Book Clubs**

Eight students signed up for book clubs. Two people offered to be contact people.

**Volunteer Reception**

There has been discussion about having a volunteer reception. Steuer will ask department heads about how many volunteers. Steuer will look for some dates. The Meader Room was suggested as a venue.

**Scholarship Issues**

One of the scholarship recipients dropped a class and is less than full time. Buckner and LSAB are trying to decide what to do. Steuer would like to see it passed along to the recipient next semester when the student is full time. There is also some discussion of how much time the LSAB can commit. The Friends would be happy to continue supporting this initiative.

**Membership Recruitment**

Lynn and Sue are going to see the emeriti. They will also work on the letters to be sent out to Libraries students and staff.

**New Business**

**2012-2013 Planning**

**Nate Powell – partnerships**

He is the graphic artist and he would be interested in coming. Jeff Abshear would like to be involved but he has to take it to his board.

**Faculty Scholar – Gwen Tarbox**

Steuer has also been talking to Tarbox (English) who studies young adult and graphic novels. She is thrilled and would love to speak. She is going to be on a spring sabbatical and would prefer the fall. He lives in Bloomington, Indiana so the travel expense would be reasonable and we can probably get partners. Houghton is going to pursue additional funding with KPL and Portage libraries, particularly youth and children’s programs.

**Behind the Scenes at the Education Library**

Steuer has been emailing Strasser and he is willing to be a host. The moving date isn’t clear. It makes sense for it to be an early spring activity.

**1893 World’s Fair Speaker**

Steuer found a website that has essays on the World’s Fair. She is going to contact the authors and see if we can get a speaker. It may be a good annual program in May of 2013.

**Michael Nassaney Program**

The preferred dates are the 14th, 21st or the 28th of March. The 14th is the best date. Carlson will get back to Dr. Nassaney on the date.

**Jen Bervin**

Is the poet coming in conjunction with the English speakers series. It is being co-sponsored with the KBAC, Women’s Caucus, and the English speakers series. She will speak March 28.
Annual Meeting

There was discussion on possible topics, including the new archives building.

Buildings Updates

Carlson reported on the gift from Irving S. Gilmore Foundation.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2:00 on November 7.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47.

Minutes taken by Carlson.