Friends of the University Libraries, Minutes of September 12, 2011, 111 East Hall.


Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 2:08 by Steuer.

Minutes of June 6, 2011

The minutes were approved as amended, with the correction of Annee’s name. Houghton/Steuer

Treasurer’s Report

Smith provided an update on the treasury. There may be some items that have not cleared.

New Business

Book Clubs

So far, six students have signed up from the banner on the home page. Steuer asked Whang to leave the banner up until September 23. Several students indicated an interest at the Bronco Bash. The flyer was sent to go out in the newsletters for the history, English, and Honors undergraduates. Flyers were also included in a welcome packet for First Year Seminar.

Reorganization of Subcommittees

We have established three subcommittees and the possibility of one more if the book clubs generate substantial interest. Steuer is interested in having a publications committee to help with the web and Friendly Notes. Dunn agreed to help on this committee. Fitzgerald is the web liaison and will also serve. It was suggested that we put up some photos from Bronco Bash. The events committee used to be in charge of arranging events. Houghton will work on the events, which will largely consist of making sure someone gets refreshments, as we are in good shape for this year. We need one person to work with awards. Garland-Rike will work on awards. Steuer will tap Dunn and Beach to work on the book clubs if needed. We have been getting requests on lib-friends for Friendly Notes and Gatherings. The other activity involves nominations. Carlson agreed to work on nominations. There was discussion on the various ways people join the friends. It has been difficult getting the names of the people who donate through the WMU Foundation. Carlson will ask Nikki Perk about this.

2012 Programming

Steuer has had suggestions for two or three programs. Steuer said there is interest in a program on the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. She may have a possible speaker. If we planned it for 2013 we would be hitting an anniversary.

Neil Chase knows an award-winning graphic novel author. He thinks he could get him to come and give a talk. Kalamazoo Book Arts Center may be interested in partnering. It could be paired with a faculty lecture, since Gwen Tarbox in English researches graphic novels. It could also involve a tour and overview of the new collection.

We would need another program. It should involve a fundraiser, particularly if the Library administration would like us to help. It could be a behind the scenes. Next year should be behind the scenes at Sangren.

Old Business

Bronco Bash

Steuer thanked everybody for their help on Bronco Bash. Steuer thought it went well. The consensus was that it was valuable and that we should do it again. It was suggested that maybe we should have bookmarks for next year. It was
suggested that maybe we have some type of activity. It was suggested that we may want to have a tent. It was also suggested that we get tables near other library tables or see if we can be adjacent to one another.

Shawn Sheehy

Sheehy is doing a talk for the Friends, a demo for the Bookarts Center, and participating in the Art Hop. Steuer is getting fliers that include all of his events during his time in Kalamazoo from KBAC. Steuer will send them to departments that may be interested. His program is Thursday, October 6, from 4-6. We will have cookies and coffee and candy. Steuer will also send information to Whang about doing a banner.

Behind the Scenes

The program will be November 10 at the Music and Dance Library. There will be cookies and coffee.

Library Maps

Lynn and Sue have been working on a proposed text for a handout. Initially she thought of preparing a map but a handout with websites will direct community users and has been working on getting a flier or a half page. Feedback was provided on wording on the flier. It was suggested to put it in bookmark form. We can start with Kalamazoo and Portage libraries but the high schools would be the next place to go.

Building

Carlson provided a brief update on the progress. Fundraising is underway. A new development officer is working with the University Libraries.

Committee Reports

Fitzgerald reported that the list of members has been updated on the website. Gatherings is up.

We need to get dates confirmed by the next meeting for upcoming events. We’ll need to decide what to do for the annual meeting. Steuer and Houghton will meet with the Emeriti Council on October 12.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2:00 on October 3.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15.

Minutes taken by Carlson.