Friends of the University Libraries Board Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2014

Present: Houghton, presiding; Carlson, Chase, Eckel, Morgan, Zastrow.

Welcome/Introductions/Announcements
Houghton opened the meeting and welcomed everybody.

Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved as presented. (Zastrow/Eckel)

Approval of Minutes
The minutes were approved as presented. (Eckel/Chase)

Treasurer’s Report
Eckel provided a copy of the Treasurer’s Report in Smith’s absence. He reported on the revenue and expenses. The revenue should be about $665.

Committee Reports

Events

Dr. Eng, February 12, 2014 - Eckel sent a thank you to Dr. Eng. The event was well attended and those who attended were impressed.

Mary Heebner, March 10, 2014 – This event is next week. Carlson will check on the refreshments with Abshear. Morgan checked on the Frostic website and was surprised that it wasn’t on the calendar.

Annual Meeting, Book Arts Center, April 17, 2014 – Morgan said there is a WMU lot. Carlson will check on logistics. We will do a postcard and update the websites.

Future Events, 2014-2015 – Potential activities include a Behind the Scenes in the fall at Rare Books and Special Collections. Carlson will follow up with Kachun about a visiting scholar. Suggested speakers include Kevin Abbott, Humanities Center, professor in musicology working in Southeast Asia, Honors College, WMUK. Carlson will contact the Humanities Center. Houghton will contact the Honors College. Eckel will contact the musicology faculty member.

Membership
Doctoral Graduates – According to promotional materials, doctoral graduates get a lifetime borrowers card and a one year membership in the Friends. Doctoral graduates do not seem to be our most natural audience. I move that we discontinue the policy of granting a one year free membership to recent doctoral graduates and we revisit the policy to identify better potential audiences. (Carlson/Eckel). The renewal brochure and letter with Friendly Notes were mailed in late January.

Student Scholarships/Staff Support – After our last meeting, Houghton requested information from Buckner. The applications were due the beginning of December. Eckel has not heard anything and he has typically been involved in selection. Houghton will follow up with Buckner.

Nominating Committee – Houghton distributed the most recent list. There are some positions that need to be filled. There are also expiring terms. This needs to be resolved soon because the annual meeting is about six weeks away. Several officers may be term limited out. Please think about names of potential new board members and officers. Eckel would be willing to serve as secretary or treasurer. Eckel will send an email out to solicit interest in board members and ask for suggestions for the one year student board member. Zastrow will ask Moira Ebling.

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 (Eckel/Zastrow)

The minutes were taken by S. Carlson.