Minutes of the Friends of the University Libraries
Board Meeting
Monday, February 09, 2015
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Waldo Library, Classroom A

Attending: Chase, Eckel, Gedeon, Houghton, Morgan

Welcome/Introductions/Announcements

Chase called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Approval of January 12, 2015 FUL Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved with one minor change.

Treasurer’s Report

Morgan provided copies of the February Friend’s treasurer’s report, as well as a copy of Friend’s book sales proceeds from FY 2005 to FY 2015. The balance for Feb.8 is $29,106.99. The book sales income report was discussed, in relation to the potential drop in book sale income due to the new collections policy regarding donations, in which the University Libraries will only accept books through donations if the books are materials that match our collection policy, and are not already owned by the Libraries. Chase highlighted that our “purpose” mentions that we “encourage gifts and bequests” and that the Friends’ mission on the Library website includes an additional clause that says “including donations of appropriate bound and unbound materials.” This reduction in income from book sales will eventually impact the Friends’ budget. In the meantime, it appears that our income will probably eventually be primarily from memberships.

The board discussed the need in the future to develop a projected annual budget at the beginning. The Friends have not had to do a projected budget for each year. This will be necessary from now on. We have set categories (income from memberships, expenses for the student scholarships, honoraria and event expenses, etc.) that we can estimate.

Morgan will draft a proposed budget for FY 2015 and bring it to the Friends’ board for discussion.

Committee Reports

Future Events, 2015-2016
- National Poetry Month Library Celebration request – We discussed $150 to support this event. The board approved this request.
- Planning/arrangements for the two Spring 2015 FUL sponsored events – **tabled until next month**
- Finalizing location, date and time for 2015 Friends Annual Meeting – **tabled until next month**
- Discuss the submission of a Visiting Scholars and Artists Application for March 2016 visit by papermaker/book artist Helen Heibert – **tabled until next month**

**Old Business**
Getting Friendly Notes out in Feb. Updates on:
- Details for write-up on Weitekamp April 2015 event – **tabled until next month**
- Write-up on newish Bronco Student Zone. – **tabled until next month**

**New Business**
- Review of FUL mission and bylaws
  - Houghton suggested that this be tabled until next month’s meeting, to give us a chance to read through and review these.
  - Houghton emphasized that any organization is organic – it changes and develops different activities and purposes over time, and that’s OK.
  - It might be worth exploring how many other academic libraries have active “Friends” chapters.
- Do we need to continue the Friendly Notes?
  - Can this be folded into or incorporated into the new Library newsletter?
    - Morgan explained that the Library newsletter is an e-newsletter (sent to an email list) that links to the library blog. It is not a print newsletter. The Library newsletter contains a great deal of non-Friends Library events news. Morgan is uncertain that Friends’ news distributed this way would reach the Friends’ audience.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Eckel (Secretary)