Call to Order: 7:08 pm

Officers Present: Jack Goodman, Eric Ware, Yoon-Rim Kim, Claire Herhold

Members Present: Adam Matthews, Leland Hart, Eric Denby, Jamie McCandless, Iris Petty, Benjamin Page

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Committee Reports
   A. Graduate Studies Committee (Jamie McCandless) – Meeting upcoming this week. Work on Welcome Packets is ongoing, and a survey for current graduate student will be e-mailed soon. Please complete so that your suggestions can be included in the packets for new students.
   B. Faculty Committee (Adam Matthews) – Nothing to report.
   C. Undergraduate Studies Committee (Claire Herhold) – Department plan for recruitment and retention continues to be updated. Retention rates appear to be up. Applications for honors have been submitted.
   D. Research Committee (Randy Janes) – Not present. Jamie, Jack and Randy to attend next meeting to discuss Spring Speaker arrangements.
   E. TAU (Eric Denby) – The union is now part of a confederation. If you want an AFT card, with which you would be eligible for a number of discounts, please contact Eric. The union is asking for an extension of the contract prior to March 31st in order to extend the length of time the union will not be subject to the recent Right to Work legislation. If you have grievances or questions, feel free to discuss with Eric Denby, as well as John and Hilary.
   F. Phi Alpha Theta (Eric Ware) – Nothing to report.
   G. GSAC (Randy Janes) – Jamie, Randy and Jack will be attending the second Friday in February to request money.

III. HGSO Committees
   A. Spring Speaker - Call for members, which Jamie McCandless will chair. Jack, Yoon and Adam on committee. Eric Denby and Iris Petty also available if necessary. Committee will meet soon to begin organizing.
   B. Research/Nora Faires - Call for members. March 15th deadline is approaching. Jack Goodman, Skylar Bre’z, and Claire Herhold volunteered.
   C. Fundraising –
      1. Souper Tuesdays – appear to have fallen by the wayside. Eric Denby to do pulled pork on January 22. Another sign-up to go around for spring. Perhaps a reminder e-mail before each Tuesday would increase attendance.
2. Book sale – We are down to five boxes of books. The are free for the taking to anyone who would like to sell them on Amazon. Otherwise, they will go to Goodwill.
3. Coffee Sales – Leland Hart and Eric Denby volunteered to begin organizing.
4. Bake sale – Committee to begin organizing, perhaps with a Valentine’s Day theme.

D. Social Affairs –
1. Pub Crawl on January 12 was successful, despite absence of promised T-shirts.
2. Game Nights – January 5 game night was a success, with Yoon as overall champion. Next game night to be held in February, potentially at Jack’s or Jamie’s. Leland Hart coordinating.
3. Asian Food Fair – Yoon-rim Kim coordinating. Potentially to be held in February. Should the food night merge with game night? No consensus reached.
4. Adam Matthews proposed that the committee clarify to all members that alcohol is optional at all social gatherings to encourage more members to participate.

E. Workshop –
1. Call for ideas for 2013 workshops. Eric Denby proposed a travel and research grant workshop to be held in mid to late February before deadlines, and an archival research workshop to be held in late March. Eric also suggested a workshop on bibliographic program Zotero. Jamie McCandless suggested a workshop on applying for dissertation fellowships. General discussion followed of desire to keep workshops collaborative and practical, with faculty serving as guides.

IV. Treasurer’s Report – Nothing major to report. HGSO remains solidly in the black.

V. New Business
A. Spring Speaker will be Michael Vargas.
1. Date set for March 20th. Dr. Vargas will arrive in Kalamazoo on the 19th and depart on the 21st. Time is tentatively set for around 3:00 pm.
2. Dr. Vargas’ working title is “Cross-Disciplinary Visualizations for Digital-Age Historians.” Committee will have more updates next month.
B. Meeting Times – due to conflicts with classes, next month’s meeting is set for Friday, February 8, 2013 at the University Roadhouse.

VI. Old Business
A. Integration of Spring Speaker with Department Series – Jamie, Jack and Randy to attend Research Committee. Will report next month.

VII. Announcements.
A. Jack announced that four candidates have been chosen for the Public History position, and will be visiting campus throughout late January and early February. These activities will most likely involve Public History graduate students.
B. Basketball continues on Fridays and Sundays at 5:00 pm in the rec center. Please contact Randy or Jack if you’re interested in attending.
VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted, 1-22-13
Claire Herhold, Secretary