

**MISSOURI UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES STAFF ASSOCIATION**

**Executive Board Meeting  
July 11, 2001  
1:00-2:00 p.m.  
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Ellis Library**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Rachel Brekhus, Jenny Bossaller, Michael Cook, Jacinda Johnson, Ruthe Morse, Debbie Landi, Dyanna Pursell, Karen Eubanks, Abbey Rimel, Marie Concannon

Not Present: Michael Salmons, Melissa Skinner, Troy Gordon

**Previous Minutes:**

Minutes from the June 4, 2001 meeting were read and were accepted as amended.

**Reports:**

**Social**

Dyan reported that the picnic went well, thanks to everyone who helped out, despite Melissa's accident and absence. Karla Geerlings and others took the leftovers to St. Francis House.

Adam Banning and Sheila Voss won tickets to the Concert Series; Bill Hainen and Sue Barnes won the softball/baseball season tickets.

Thanks to Vic Myers and Sue Barnes' husband, who cooked the soy dogs/hot dogs/ meat.

Marie and Dyan took lots of pictures.

Karen Darling and her dogs, Mystery and Magic, performed tricks, which was great; good amusement for all. Can this, or something like it, happen again?

We don't yet know how much food has been donated to the food bank, Mike Cook will let us know soon. Some food and money is still being collected.

There was a discussion about the starting time of the picnic: this year we started at 5:00 because the baseball game had to start at 7:00, but since people didn't get off work until 5:00, some people were upset about it. We will look at that issue again next year.

**Community Service**

So far we have collected 2 1/2 big boxes of food and \$9.00 for the Food Pantry. There are 1 1/2 boxes for the Bluebird closet in TRSS. The Branches did a great job of responding to the call for food; Mike Cook contacted all of them, and so that increased the response. We will have another food drive later in the summer.

**Courtesy**

See attached report for last month's expenditures.

There are two new babies in the library: Sidni Patrice Jones and Lydia Elizabeth Muchow. Melissa Skinner is recovering at home in St. Louis with a broken leg and ankle.

**MUSE**

Abbey and Michael are in the process of working on the next MUSE, which will have a macabre theme. It was agreed that nothing should be published that will offend sensitive types. Michael is working on the HTML and design. There haven't been many submissions yet. It will probably be published in September.

## Book Sale

No report.

## Staff Lounge

Lounge cleaning is done by a 5 person pool. We need chairpersons again: Mary Claire Amann resigned due to personal reasons. She said she'd be glad to clean one morning per week, though. Karen Eubanks volunteered to step in as acting committee chair. Her name is on the machines as contact person. There will be an ad in News Notes to solicit for the chair.

## Treasurer

So far \$195.00 has been spent on the picnic. Two blank checks are missing still (Melissa has them). Last year \$250.00 was the total. So far money collection for the picnic is confusing. Some RSVP's didn't include money, etc; but they also may not have ended up attending the picnic. We should know more soon. Debbie hasn't yet received July's checking account statement.

### Other Discussions:

- Should a membership chair be created, with the purposes of contacting new employees ("welcome wagon") and reminding members about renewals. It's a lot of work having treasurer and membership duties. A new chair would necessitate an amendment to the constitution and a vote, we could bring that up at the next MULSA yearly meeting. Ruthe might help with the treasurer's duties, to relieve Debbie.
- We need to hand out brochures at new employee meetings. Jenny Bossaller volunteered to revise the old one. Nicole and Leo might have copies of the old one.
- The possibility of a MULSA garage sale was discussed. Mike says that it falls under his job duty description to organize it. In a past sale, items brought to the sale were pre-marked. People had the choice of giving MULSA a 10% cut on the items (if they pre-marked them with their initials) or donating the items to MULSA. Mike will have the sale in late September or October at his house, which is the last house on a dead-end street near Central Columbia.
- MULSA's mission statement was discussed. Rachel handed out other library staff association's missions.
- We will post the minutes from MULSA meetings (starting with this meeting) on the web site.
- Should MULSA be re-named (since the S stands for Staff, and librarians aren't staff, but employees)? This can be brought up at the next meeting as a possibility; it might require a constitutional amendment.
- Increasing membership: should the task be divided, with volunteers to take on an entire department? Some library departments have almost no members.
- A discussion of the scholarship was revisited. Should it be supplemental funds for classes that someone is taking; a bookstore gift certificate; funds to cover some travel? We should have somebody meet with the Staff Development Committee to make sure that we don't tread on their toes. Does MULSA's mission support a scholarship at all? Funds are iffy, we'll discuss this further later, via email.
- Dyan passed around pictures from the picnic.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

**MU LIBRARIES STAFF ASSOCIATION  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
July 2001**

<b>Previous Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$1720.08</b>
<b>Expenses Incurred:</b>	
Administrative	\$0.00
Courtesy (flowers Anne Edwards, Michael Salmons)	\$27.50
Gifts (certificates for Sheila Voss and Lori Allen)	\$31.00
Picnic (25.71, 14.72, 12.73, 16.?, 10.07, 116.17+ 2 outstanding checks + ?)	\$195.40
Postage	\$6.80
Misc. (pizza for officers' luncheon)	\$74.01
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$334.71</b>
 <b>Minus Expenses/Checking Account Balance</b>	 <b>\$1385.37</b>
<b>Income Collected:</b>	
Dues	\$228.00
Interest (May 2001)	\$2.54
Guest fee picnic (Marie Concannon)	\$3.00
 <b>Total Income</b>	 <b>\$233.54</b>
 <b>Plus Income/Current Checking Account Balance</b>	 <b>\$1618.91</b>
 <b>Savings Account Balance:</b>	 \$5263.10
Plus Interest (May 2001)	\$4.96
<b>Total Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$5268.06</b>

Submitted by:  
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MULSA  
Treasurer,  
2001/2002

**MULSA Courtesy Position**

Jacinda Johnson, Chair 2001/2002

Report submitted 7/11/01

**New Business 2001/2002****Items Sent from MULSA:**

6/7/01

Michael (Mike and Ann) Salmons: birth of baby boy (Bryce 5/23/01)  
Ordered baby boy planter (\$20.00): "Congrats on Bryce's birth!"

6/11/01

Anne Edwards: in the hospital after surgery  
Ordered bud vase arrangement (\$17.50): "Hope you're feeling better!"

6/13/01

Lori Allen: departure from the library (5 years of service)  
310 E. Illinois, Apt. D, Kirksville, MO, 63501  
Sent card and \$15.00 Walmart gift card

6/15/01

Sheila Voss: departure from the library (6 years of service--since 9/1/95)  
last day 6/15/01  
Gave card and \$15.00 Columbia Mall gift certificate

6/15/01

Chantana Charoenpanitkul: medical emergency  
Sent "thinking of you" card to her home

7/7/01

Melissa Skinner: pedestrian/car accident  
Ordered planter (\$17.50): "Sending healing thoughts"

7/9/01

Bob Almony: donated gift of University Concert Series tickets (3 pair) for MULSA annual picnic raffle prizes in order to encourage food pantry donations  
Sent thank you letter

7/9/01

Mario Moccia: donated gift of season tickets (one pair baseball, one pair softball) for MULSA annual picnic raffle prizes in order to encourage food pantry donations  
Sent thank you letter

**Items Received by MULSA:**

6/20/01

Thank you letter from Anne Edwards