

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES STAFF ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting December 12, 2001 1:40-2:55 p.m. Fourth Floor Conference Room, Ellis Library

Meeting Minutes

Present: Rachel Brekhus, Debbie Landi, Melissa Skinner, Jacinda Johnson, Abbey Rimel, Paula Roper, Marie Concannon, , Jenny Bossaller, Ruthe Morse, Karen Eubanks, Troy Gordon, Mike Cook

Not Present: Michael Salmons

Previous Minutes:

Minutes from the November meeting had been previously submitted by e-mail and were accepted as amended.

Reports:

The board approved the reports as written. The last paragraph is going to be dropped from the *Muse* Report.

Troy reiterated his report, as it was not included. He said that the book sale meetings will include the Missouri Training Institute.

Other items of discussion:

We were considerably under budget for the Thanksgiving Party. MULSA's total expenditure for the party was only \$43.00, thanks to everyone pitching in and helping with the food.

A discussion was held about last-minute plans for the Christmas Party:

- When should we start decorating for the party? We should definitely try to get people outside of the MULSA board to help decorate and clean up. Melissa and Karen should not help clean up, since they are decorating. Debbie, Rachel, and her husband will clean.
- Everyone, including the guards, must be out of the building by 7:00.
- Volunteers for pre-party set-up should send an email to Karen and Melissa.
- The party is potluck (reminder).
- Marie suggested that there should be a mandate from Administration that anyone can volunteer 5 hours per year for events like this; that way, all employees would have the blessing from Administration to help a bit for parties.

Planning is underway for a future event in which all of the MU Libraries' web pages will be posted. It is called the "MU Libraries Landscape".

Some people have not renewed their MULSA memberships. We must find out why they aren't and find ways to encourage them to continue active memberships.

The survey has been completed. We will post the complete results of the survey on MULSA's web site in Excel, and a short summary in *News Notes*. Rachel explained how the group tabulated the results. The most remarkable responses from the survey were:

- There was some confusion about ranking items in the survey.
- The Valentine's Day party is evidently very unpopular. Halloween is a close second.
- MULSA members feel that parties are the most important function, while non-members think that the food drive is the most worthy cause.
- Everyone really likes the Food Drive.
- Although many people think that the *Muse* is better now than ever, we are still having trouble getting submissions.

The Superstar Award:

There are some unresolved issues surrounding this award. We need to make sure that it doesn't become a popularity contest, and possibly limit the number of times that a person can win it. It was suggested that movie rentals, movie tickets, or theater tickets be presented to the winner and that we forego balloons, because they are not very dignified.

Budget Issues:

Last year's budget for the Holiday Party was \$50.00. At this point in time we have about \$400.00 to play with for the Holidays. Ruthe has collected \$345.00 for the adopted family. Troy suggested that we spend \$200.00 on the family. It was agreed to give them a \$200.00 gift certificate to the grocery store and spend the rest on their gifts.

Our holiday decorations have seen better days. We will put a request in *News Notes* for old Christmas ornaments, and shop for some new things after Christmas, when the sales start.

Other issue:

Marie brought up the fact that we need to make the details of all of a MULSA's position known to candidates before they accept a position on the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55.