

University of Missouri Libraries Staff Association
Executive Board Meeting
Jan. 6, 2004
2-3:00 pm
Fourth Floor Conference Room

Present: Jack Batterson (recorder), Rachel Brekhus, Steve Clayton, Karen Eubanks, Karla Geerlings, Tammy Green, Mary Hainen, Ruthe Morse, Varyanna Ruthengaël and Wayne Sanders.

Absent: Bob Lynn and Mary Wood

Courtesy:

Karen mentioned that Lisa Corlee's father in New York also died in December, 2003, raising the question of whether the Board should acknowledge his death as well as that of Lisa's mother.

Mary Wood could not decide which book to buy for J. Brewer and asked the Board to decide. Mary compared Barnes and Noble prices with those of Amazon and concluded that Barnes and Noble had better prices.

The choices are:

Ring and the Book (Literary Text Series)
Tragedy of Mariam, the Fair Queen of Jewry
Private Memoirs and confessions of a justified sinner
Wuthering Heights

The Board decided on Tragedy of Mariam as the book Mary should buy.

Staff Lounge:

Orkin gave the libraries advice on getting rid of the roaches in the Ellis Library Staff Lounge without using chemicals. Suggestions included avoiding open containers, not leaving wet rags out, and emptying the trash can daily. Some board members were beginning to think that most of the leftover food in the lounge was eaten by roaches and not by the night crew.

Holiday party:

It was a success. One board member got word that Oleta Edwards and Linda Lyle did not get invitations to the party.

All-Staff annual meeting:

The meeting is set for January 28, 2004, in Ellis Auditorium at 3:00 pm. There will be a party honoring the retirees at 4:00 pm at a place to be named later, probably in the staff lounge. [Update: This party was held in room 201 Ellis Library]. Administration is providing \$500 for this party and Ruthe and Varyanna will go to Sams and do some price checking. Varyanna offered to arrange flowers for the party. Karen and Mary H. called the Campus Dining and found that a platter of cookies/brownies, and drinks would cost \$2.95 per person. Plans are to expect 150 people for this event. There was discussion about how to go about asking for Administration's support in allowing Mulsa to plan this party on work-time. [Update: Jim Cogswell sent library-wide email asking supervisors to be understanding and allow staff take time away from work to make this party a success.

Muse:

Rachel said that she will be sending out a call for contributions to the next issue of the Muse.

Future Meetings:

March 2
April 6

=====
Reports from last meeting:

MULSA meeting, January 6th

MINUTES:

REPORTS:

Treasurer:

VP (Superstar):

Book Sale: No news.

Community Service: John Meyer told me that he donated 40# to the Central Missouri Food Bank. He said we could claim it for MULSA too. I took 21# of food to the Central Missouri Food Bank on 12/30. I won't be here for the Jan meeting.

Bob Lynn, Community Chair, MULSA

Courtesy: I have asked Steve for a check (\$30) to be given to the Mike Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Oleta Edwards' mother, Geneva Lurline Woodroof, who passed away about Dec. 23. I also plan to send Oleta a sympathy card on behalf of MULSA.

Karen will share with the board the titles of a few books that may make a good memorial(s) for Jeaneice Brewer. Anne Barker suggests purchasing books from the Broadway Literary Texts Series, as it is a goal of Anne's to eventually have the entire collection available to Ellis patrons. Karen and I discussed the possibility of purchasing the book(s) from Barnes and Noble, and to save shipping costs, I volunteer to go to the store to pick up the book(s), if that is what the board decides it would like done.

The following is the rest of my activities for December :

9th) Sent a congratulatory card to Michael Salmons upon the birth of a baby.

17th) Sent a sympathy card to Lisa and Michael Corlee due to the death of Lisa's mother Freida Hudson. A \$30 donation was sent to the Abused Women's Shelter in memory of her mother/ his mother-in-law, who died Dec. 14, 2003.

23rd) Sent a card to the husband of Goodie Bhullar (Hardeep) who underwent knee surgery.

23rd) Received a thank you card from Lisa Corlee on behalf of herself and husband Michael for the card and donation. The card was placed on the MULSA bulletin board.

29th) Received a letter of acknowledgment from "The Shelter" for the donation. It is placed on the MULSA bulletin board.

Submitted by, Mary Wood

MUSE: We have sent out an initial call for articles for the next Muse. The theme of this issue will be Family Stories.

Submitted by, Rachel and Karla

Staff Room: This last month has been hard on the staff lounge. The messiness of the magazines and seeming lack of memory on the part of certain daily volunteers seemed unprecedented.

Some vending machines continued to have problems, leading to more calls by Varyanna to the vendors, who kindly came quickly and did repairs. Also, vendors replenished their refund money supplies.

The roaches have created armies of babies, which were being killed in numbers of 8/day by only 2 persons reporting. The untold sitings and numbers killed are certainly much higher. Finally, even Jacinda called Admin. herself to report her own appalling experiences and hopefully get more action. I think I may have to take some live captures up to Ellen before Orkin truly takes more drastic action. I have enclosed her last e-mail to me [Ruthe brought 2 copies to share]. Unfortunately, yesterday's (Jan.5) full trashcan is not helpful, and may indicate a current cutback in custodial service.

Thanks to Karen Eubanks for purchasing supplies when I was unable to make a purchasing trip.

Varyanna, Lounge Chair

SOCIAL:

NEW BUSINESS: Retirement reception, Jan. 28th, after all-staff meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: With Alan Bloom's help we purchased a new tree for the staff room. It cost \$67.62 after his employee discount from Target. And with Wayne's help we auctioned off the old tree. The only bid was from Dolores Fisher for \$5.

Next meeting: February 3rd