

University of Missouri Libraries Staff Association
Executive Board Meeting
March 2, 2004
2-3:30 pm
Fourth Floor Conference Room

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

Absent: Varyanna Ruthengael

Book sale:

MULSA received the news about two weeks ago about the Libraries doing away with the book sale.

The Board discussed possible questions for Jim Cogswell to ask at the upcoming meeting on this issue.

Jack will figure out how much money MULSA would need to be self-supporting. MULSA would need one more major book sale to have any chance at being self-supporting.

Steve will gather information about MULSA's annual expenditures.

Parties:

MULSA will put parties on hold until the Board has more information on future income.

Picnic:

This is still on for June 18, 2004. Karen plans to reserve the shelter

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MULSA meeting, March 2nd

REPORTS:

Book Sale: Wayne: In review of the draft of the revised gift policy on acquiring value gift materials, which should be available shortly for review by staff, the Director officially stated that there would be no more big biennial book sale at the February 26th Library Council meeting.

While the book sale did make money in the short-term, the administration has decided that it is not cost-effective in the long run. The large-scale book sale has been abandoned due to the amount of staff time involved (in both planning and conducting the operation).

A continual, small-scale sale will be held in a portion of Copy Service to be remodeled and open by this summer or fall at the latest. Materials of higher value will be listed for sale by a local member of a national antiquarian society with whom the Libraries already have relations with.

The Director stated that he hoped that MULSA or the board did not interpret this as an attack on MULSA or a purposeful undercutting of our budget. The reality, however, exists that the board must plan for future alternative funding sources. MULSA, being contract labor for the previous Friends of the Libraries Book Sales, would not be the recipient of the proceeds of this new enterprise to dispose of undesired (not unloved) materials.

The title of the current Book sale chair offices will probably need to be renamed to something like Fundraising chair(s). The term should probably also be reconsidered and made yearly instead. If these changes need to be made by the members, these changes will need to be voted on prior to the election of officers.

The director did note that he would be willing to meet with the board of members of the board if necessary.

Ruthe: Cookie Wednesday: earned \$36.15 in sales, spent -14.98 on cookie dough, received +3.50 in donations = \$24.67 net!

Courtesy: February 2004

1st) Purchased The Tragedy of Mariam (1613) by Elizabeth Cary for \$13.90. According to the Broadview Press, it is probably the first play in English known to have been authored by a woman, and it has become increasingly popular in the study of early modern women's writing. It was purchased in memory of Jeaneice Brewer, retired librarian.

6th) Sent a sympathy card to Michael and Lisa Corlee due to the death of Lisa's father.

10th) Received a thankyou card from Kathy Peters on behalf of herself and her family for the planter given her in memory of her mother, Ann Peters. It is placed on the MULSA bulletin board.

11th) Received a thankyou card from Lisa and Mike Corlee for the sympathy card sent to them due to the death of Lisa's father. It is placed on the MULSA bulletin board.

13th) Sent a sympathy card to Jeannine Hall due to the death of her grandmother.

16th) Sent a card to David F. Moore, the Associate Director, Western Historical Manuscript Collection, congratulating him upon the birth of a baby boy, Oakley Adam.

Submitted by, Mary Wood

MUSE:

Staff Room: Varyanna, Lounge Chair (out of town)

NEW BUSINESS: Green Party?

OLD BUSINESS: Retirement reception, total: \$431.98+ to be reimbursed by Administration (-\$88 already paid out for the cake).

Thirty minutes after last meeting, received request from HSL for new microwave, did email vote and agreed. Pearl Newbury? made purchase and sent receipt to Steve. Do we need more guidelines on purchases?

What we do for the library:

1) Vending machines- we take complaints and give refunds. Does the library receive money for placing the machines in the building and haven't we earned part of it?

2) Retirement parties- Jim's threatened to have us do more.