

University of Missouri Libraries Staff Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 7, 2005  
1:30-2:25 pm  
Fourth Floor Conference Room

Present: Mary Amann, Jack Batterson (recorder), Mark Ellis, Karen Eubanks, Karla Geerlings, Tammy Green, Ruthe Morse, Pearl Newbrough, Karen Paulik and Wayne Sanders.

Not present: Rachel Brekhus and Steve Clayton.

Holiday party:

The party went well. The ornament raffle was a learning experience. MULSA used the honor system and asked people to put their raffle donations into the cash box and take a raffle ticket. MULSA made .25 cents on the raffle.

Next party:

MULSA will start making plans for the March 13th Earth Day/St. Pat Day party.  
[Date was changed to April 1, 2005]

Staff Lounge:

Karen E. reported problems with the snack machines. The machines probably need cleaning or the moneychanger needs replacing. In the past, the machine-related problems seem to be at their worst during semester intercessions.

Someone reported a water leak under the lounge sink. The hot water tank and the icemaker were fixed.

Ongoing book sale:

MULSA is waiting for a total sales report.

Courtesy chair:

December 11: Lisa Corlee: Get well card.

December 12: Dixie Fingerson: \$25 gift card from Target for her retirement.

December 31: Norma Fair: Sympathy card for the loss of her mother.

Muse:

Another very good issue and Rachel is putting the issue up on MULSA's web site.

Community Chair:

Mark Ellis reported that he contacted the Cole Camp School district about the Blue Bird Closet items. This school district scaled back taking donations because of a loss of storage facilities. They still offer items to their disadvantaged students, but it is usually new or specifically found for a specific student. Like many places, they don't have the ability to accept randomly given, slightly used donations. Mark will contact the Rainbow House Family shelter and find what kind of donations they can accept.

Over the past few months the Blue Bird closet box has filled up several times. It is possible that MULSA will not find a specific home for all the items that were intended to go to school-age children in need. It was decided at the MULSA meeting that the MULSA Board would contact Blue Bird and Rainbow House to find out what specific things they could use. Mark would send any items that these two places need. The remaining items collected would probably go to Goodwill or Salvation Army. Mark will communicate this information to Library employees and

also let them know that in the future, MULSA will possibly do drives for specific items that Blue Bird or Rainbow House request rather than general collections of items.

Also, Central Mo Food bank collected MULSA's 55 pounds of food and \$112.34 in cash. They were very thankful. The gentleman, who picked it up, explained how cash donations were more valuable because of the Central Mo. Food bank's ability to buy in bulk.

In general, it seems that many community service efforts are finding cash as useful or more useful than items that are donated. MULSA will keep this in mind when planning future events.

Tote bag: MULSA needs to move quickly on this. Jim Cogswell likes our Tote Bag idea, and he was pleased to hear that MULSA would share a portion of the proceeds with the Administration Office. Jim offered to share some of the production costs and he thought it was an excellent idea to sell these tote bags in the book sale. He made a few suggestions regarding the logo. He thought the Thomas Jefferson logo would look great as part of the main design. The MU Libraries logo should appear in small print and it should show us as being the sponsor. Natalie Feibish will work with MULSA on the design as time allows.

Photo book: Tammy will go through SRC with this idea.

Display case: Wayne is working on the layout for the MULSA display case. This display case will show what MULSA does and the various functions it serves.

Cookie sale: Tammy will have a cookie sale next week. [Tammy made excellent chocolate chip cookies for the sale on January 11, 2005]