

University of Missouri Libraries Staff Association
Executive Board Meeting
July 13, 2006
1:30 pm- 2:30 pm
Reference conference room

Present: Jack Batterson (recorder), Rachel Brekhus, Steve Clayton, Delores Fisher, Karla Geerlings, Tammy Green, Mary Hainen, Ruthe Morse, Wayne Sanders, Michael Spears, and Bette Stuart.

Treasurer report:

Bette announced that MULSA received a good deal on the summer picnic with Jack's Gourmet Restaurant Catering. The charge was \$105 + \$25 for delivery. Bette paid the shipping cost for the SUNO books. She also announced that Boone National Savings was bought out by Commerce Bank and that the old checks will not be honored after Wednesday, July 19th.

Muse:

Rachel received a significant response to her email survey about summer reading plans. Results will be summarized in the next issue of the Muse. She also issued a call for contributions for the next two Muse issues via the employee listserv on Thursday July 13. Themes for the upcoming issues are "animals" and "after-words". The first theme is self-explanatory. The second theme involves consequences, aftermaths, codas, aftereffects, and leftovers. She would like to have all articles submitted by Aug. 1. Michael has the picnic pictures on MULSA's web site, and he will ask Kathy Lowery if she has any pictures from the picnic to share with MULSA.

Social chair:

Picnic:

The main course was catered by Jack's Gourmet. Delivery of the food was an extra \$25. MULSA provided BBQ brisket, fried chicken, and veggie lasagna for fifty people (apportioned 20/20/10). There were almost no leftovers and MULSA could have ordered more of the veggie lasagna. MULSA also provided ice water, iced tea, and lemonade, using a MULSA cooler and two from the Geerlings family. A friend of Karla (Geerlings) & Robin (Kespohl) volunteered the use of her ten-gallon cooler. Ice was also available.

Gordon Shelter at Stephens Lake Park was a very good location for the Picnic, overlooking Stephens Lake and located quite close to restrooms and the children's playground. Though the shelter design does not allow for much hanging of decorations, or a piñata, this is balanced by a railing surrounding 2 sides of the concrete pad in addition to a nearby tree. When rain is not threatening, another concrete slab which is adjacent to the shelter can be used for a portion of the festivities. The one drawback with this facility was that water was not close. Water in any quantity must be carried from beyond the restroom building. If necessary, however, coolers can be driven up from the parking lot.

The current PA system (a dual-cassette karaoke machine) worked well for amplified voice, but it is ungainly to move back and forth. Also, it could not play CDs. A walkman-type CD player can be used with an adapter wire (currently residing inside the karaoke box), but sound quality suffers. For these reasons, MULSA should consider getting an inexpensive and more compact solution.

Children's activities included (beside the playground) sidewalk chalks, dunking for apples, and a smallish piñata. Smaller capacity piñatas are to be recommended as it costs a great deal to fill a large one with candy, and parents don't really want their young children to get home with that much candy. The Community Chair had a prize box specifically for the children, as well as goodie bags filled with things we had enough of to go around, and these were well-received. In future it should be made clear to attendees that swimming is available at the park, and families are free to swim, but that the swimming area is across the lake from our shelter, and MULSA is neither sponsoring nor taking responsibility for this activity.

About 40 persons attended in all and everyone seemed to have a good time. Digital photos of the event were made available online within days of the event, and this should be the goal in future for all events, if possible.

Suggestions for how to get more people involved in the Picnic are most welcome.

Upcoming:

MULSA's New Staff Tea will be on August 31, 2006. Suggestions for old or new themes are welcome as well as how we can make the new staff feel more welcome? Felicity Dykas has donated a few items (stationary, etc.) with an eye toward giving welcoming gifts to the new staff at this event. Ruthe will order some pencils with logo for the new staff from the oriental trade catalog. Karla will get the official list of new staff from Mark Ellis one week before the new staff tea.

It is not too soon to begin eliminating dates for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Winter Holiday celebrations. Karla will attempt to keep a master calendar of events which might conflict with our celebrations. Board assistance with this would be appreciated.

Courtesy Chair:

Lisa and Mike Corlee - retirement gift cards
Susan McCormack - sympathy card
Alan Bloom - get well card

Book Sale:

Nine boxes were sent to Better World Books. Ruthe and Wayne are trying to arrange a meeting with Bob about the distributing of book marks that are free for promotional purposes. Ruthe and Wayne also would like to check with Bob about modifying the contract with Better World Books.

Wayne asked what to do with MULSA's old bank checks and statements from the last 50 plus years that the archives would not accept. The Board agreed that MULSA should keep the last ten years of checks.

Staff Lounge:

People are doing a better job keeping the staff lounge clean. Tammy gave her staff lounge papers to Mary Hainen.

Photo album:

Steve and Tammy will bring up the issue of having a photo directory in the meeting with Jim in an effort to get Jim to agree to split costs. This would be a good PR move for the library because all faculty members get a copy of the directory. People should be allowed to opt out, and the web site should be pass-worded protected. The library could have one page of this directory to include updated pages.

Recruitment:

MULSA will try offering one year of free membership to MULSA members. This issue will have to be voted on via electronic vote soon. Michael will try to set this up soon.

Display case:

Tammy will look for the key to the display case, as the information inside this case needs to be updated. It is suggested that Board members have their pictures taken for display inside this display case.

Bookbag:

Tammy asked the Board to think about going ahead and selling book bags, and the matter will be discussed at the meeting with Jim.

Igive:

Jack shared information with the Board about Igive as a possible fund raiser for MULSA.

Steve and Tammy meeting with Jim:

Send your suggestions for possible topics to Tammy.

What to do with the money if MULSA folds:

Possible ideas for the use of the money include salaries and staff development funds.

Next meeting time:

MULSA's next meeting is scheduled on the same date as the all-staff two day meetings on how to make meetings more efficient. The next meeting time is set for Aug. 9th 1:30-3 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Batterson
Secretary