

University of Missouri Libraries Staff Association
Executive Board Meeting
June 14, 2007
1:30 pm- 2:30 pm
Reference Conference Room

Present: Adrienne Arden, Michelle Baggett, Jack Batterson (Recorder) , Rachel Brekhus, Steve Clayton, Mark Ellis, Delores Fisher, Karla Geerlings, Tammy Green , Mary Hainen, Ruthe Morse, Wayne Sanders, , and Bette Stuart.

Absent : Michael Spears

Book sale:

MU Libraries have received unselected materials from two different donations to special collections.

The co-chairs asked Bob Almony again about the selling of Ruthe's bookmarks advertising the Book Sale area in copy services. Bob thought it would be a good to begin selling them in the upcoming Fall Semester.

Reference librarians have determined that there are 2,700 duplicates at the Annex that will be discarded from the collection and given to the book sale. Since MULSA is already running out of space in several storage areas, it asked Bob if it would be okay for MULSA to send these books directly to BWB without going through the book sale. He was fine with the idea, as this would be more than 100 boxes more of books.

The book sale co-chairs need to get the auction set up for Better World books.

Staff Lounge:

Tammy will call for details about getting campus recycling and see if they would do the staff lounge and reference department pickups. Mark will inquire whether the libraries hired students to do recycling.

Social:

See the attached report. In addition to the report, not everyone gets a brochure. Several games for the picnic will have kids and adult lines. Karla could use more prizes, and she wants more carnival theme items. Karla also asked for volunteers to provide carnival music since the only carnival music the library has is on a LP. She is trying to get clowns to come to perform in exchange for a free dinner. She requested that taking care of recycling bags be part of staff lounge duties.

Picnic:

Mark will ask Bob about the tickets he usually donates to the raffle (usually about three concerts that he does not plan attend. Mark will also ask about copy service vouchers.

Karla will find a way to collect pennies at the picnic. It would be a good way to raise more money for the Central Missouri Food Bank.

Muse:

It's that time again...time to consider what you might contribute to the Creative Magazine of the MU Libraries, now past its fiftieth volume.

This issue's theme will be Special Collections, taken very broadly. In addition to some obvious articles on MU Libraries Special Collections, including a Treasure Hunt, Rachel likes to see a few pieces from YOU! She notes a few ideas to jog the mind...

-What do you or someone in your family collect? Hats? Used tinfoil? Sports injuries? Stray animals? Songs on your iPod? LP's? What does the collection say about the collector?

-Tell about a time you collected in other ways...has anyone worked for a collections agency? Collected donations for a cause?

-Have you been to a museum with a really interesting collection lately?

-Would you consider your department, your family, your online group, your church group an interesting collection of people?

-Have you lost a collection or decided to dismantle one? What was that like?

-Know any tips on how to make money from collectibles?

-A collection of different, simple recipes for the same thing (fruit punch, Greek salad, borscht...)

Deadline: FRIDAY, JULY 6

Courtesy report:

1 Sympathy card to Alice Allen – death of mother

Community chair:

The Board needs to evaluate the need to send items to blue bird (did Kathy follow up on that?) Tammy thought we should do something local.

Elder Care (now called Adult Day Connection)

Steve would like to keep a list of books read on the library wiki. Steve will send instructions to the volunteer readers on how to post stories they read.

Adrienne mentioned a book she used to read for a reading group in the past that was well-received because it was stories about people their own age. This book has title Thurber Carnival. Her favorite story from this book is "University Days."

Treasurer:

It would be good to have online access to our account because the paper statements do not show the savings account. MULSA will start getting the free online access as of July 1.

MULSA has so much money in savings that it would be a good time to invest part of the saving account cash in higher risk investments to earn higher interest rates. A good time to make that change is when Bette turns the account over to Mark.

Someone will need to create a new procedure on adding new members to the free membership list.

One person questioned the need to charge \$3 at the picnic when we are offering free membership. MULSA charges for the summer picnic because it is a benefit of being a member. If there are no benefits to membership, then nobody would join MULSA. MULSA is not ready to offer free membership to everyone.

Staff lounge:

Adrienne announced her staff lounge cleaning crew schedule.

Privacy issue:

The privacy issue talk was tabled, because Mike Spears was not at the meeting.

Annual meeting:

For the annual meeting, the Board needs to evaluate where we are with the idea of not having to charge for membership. Another idea is to discuss having a flat fee membership.

Future meetings:

The same time works well for everyone. The Board will continue meeting on the second Thursday of each month.

Future meetings are:

July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8 December 13

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Batterson
Secretary