University of Missouri Libraries Staff Association Executive Board Meeting Oct. 8, 2009 2:00 pm- 3:00 pm Reference Conference Room

Present – Jack Batterson, Tammy Green, Ruthe Morse, Michael Spears, and Colleen Smith.

Absent -- Rachel Brekhus, Steve Clayton, Jerri Eldridge, Delores Fisher, Karla Geerlings, Rebecca Schedler, and Sandy Schiefer.

Michael reported on his talk with Jim about the Staff Lounge. Jim suggested that define the following: What is the purpose of the Staff Lounge?

Who should be able to use it?

and What rules do we have that should be posted?

We will work on these.

Tammy is weeding the magazine collection. We will look into the idea of having a dish soap dispenser that is attached to the wall (since we recently had dish soap taken from the lounge and not returned). Tammy is also planning on putting a display in the lounge display case to promote donations to our charitable causes: Rainbow House, the Food Bank, and Second Chance.

The question of MULSA funding staff training was recently brought up. It was decided that MULSA should only pay for training needed to perform MULSA duties (i.e. training that would benefit Book Sale Chairs).

Book Sale: Book sales on Amazon are encouraging. However, there is a postage issue. Apparently we can only print Priority Mail postage through PayPal and we ship the books Media Mail. Michael will check into other options so that Sandy doesn't have to continue taking the books to the bookstore to get the postage printed. Jim forwarded a request from the American University of Iraq for donations of books. They require postage for shipping, Better World Books offers free shipping. Time may also be an issue. We decided that we need more information before deciding whether to send books to the American University of Iraq.

The Halloween party will be Oct. 30th in the morning. We will be serving bagels, grapes, fruit juice, and coffee. An idea was brought up to have pictures taken of the people who dress up in costumes and then post them in an e-mail so that everyone can vote to determine the contest winner even if they were unable to attend the party.

The Thanksgiving dinner will be held on November 19th. Michael would like us to have the satellite dinner at HSL again this year since it was well received. We would like to display baskets (or description of them) that will be auctioned off at the Holiday party during the Thanksgiving dinner to promote interest in bidding. We will probably put the display case in the lounge for security reasons. We could have a contest for "Best basket" as well to motivate people to make baskets to auction.

Christmas families: Ruthe has notified the Voluntary Action Center that we will provide Christmas for 8 people. We will need to have the donations by Dec. 7th in order to have everything ready for delivery on Dec. 14th. Ruthe will get the wish lists ready to post as soon as she gets the information on the family (or families).

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12th from 2:00-3:00 in the Reference Conference Room.