

University of Missouri Libraries Staff Association
Executive Board Meeting
Jan. 14, 2010
2:00 pm- 3:00 pm
Reference Conference Room

Present – Rachel Brekhus, Jack Batterson, Steve Clayton, Delores Fisher, Karla Geerlings, Tammy Green, Ruthe Morse, Michael Spears, and Rebecca Schedler.

Absent -- Jerri Eldridge, Ruthe Morse, Sandy Schiefer, and Colleen Smith.

Minutes from the last meeting:

Rachel had one correction: Change Dicken's to Dickens

Mike:

Asked about the bill from the knife sharpener we were going to buy? Nobody knows about the bill or what is really going on with that. [Nobody from the book sale committee was there to answer questions.]

Mike wants everyone to write a year in review for all of 2009 (not just from July to December). He wants to put something in the New Notes about what MULSA is doing. People need to know what MULSA is working on now since everyone is a member.

Staff Lounge:

Tammy reported that the heating element in the hot water was fixed. Since we have not received a bill, there is hope that the heating element is still under warranty. Karla said that Ruthe noticed that new paper towel rolls in the lounge were gone fast. Security has spoken to their student staff members. Tammy wonders if the janitorial crew uses them for their cleaning? Since Tammy talked to security about the possibility that the janitorial crew might be guilty, the problem seems to be solved. If we have problems in the future, we might have to store a cart of things in the locked cabinets in the staff lounge over night.

Tammy talked about asking people to go to garage sales and look for silverware for the lounge and offering to pay for them out of her pocket. There was talk about getting our silverware engraved so people can tell that they belong to MULSA.

Muse:

Karla has posted the Spotlight award winner information from last August to date. John W. sent a book review to post. Rebecca still needs to post the Meatless Monday article. Rachel will send Karla the recipes from the meatless lunches so Karla can post them to the MUSE. June would not let Rachel post the recipes on the electronic reserves because of copyright issues. Rebecca asked how many people are reading the MUSE? General agreement is that at least some people are reading it. Mike is going to ask Matt how we can count the number of times people read the Muse page.

John Wesselman retirement party: The party will be held on Jan 21, 2010 from 2:30 - 4:00. In the past, MULSA gave \$50.00 to employees retiring with 30+ years of service and Admin. gave \$100.00. We decided to add both of them together and give John \$150.00 check or gift card. Mike and Rachel were going to Admin. after the meeting and pick out a card for John. Delores will write a note in the card. Jack will write the check. Ruthe is talking to John about a theme for his party, decoration, type of party, and finding out who to invite. We will probably want to have Victorian era decoration. She will work on the food and invitations.

Rachel is working on a book for John that will have pictures (people's silhouettes) and quotes for John. People are asked to leave John with words of wisdom or quotes to share with John. She needs to get everyone to the university bookstore on Thursday so they will have that book made in time for John's party on Jan 21.

Other parties:

Ruthe is checking to see if MULSA needs to do a party for Peggy Platner or if the State Historical Society is planning a party for.

Mike would like to see us having a spring party since we will not have a Valentine's Day party. Perhaps we could co-host an event with the Libraries' Diversity Committee?

Karla said the Holiday Party went well. Mike said based on the number of tickets he received, about 55-60 people came to that party. He saw we ran out of bread.

At the all staff meeting, there were only 3 cookies left.

There was concern that there might be too much food left over after the Thanksgiving and Christmas parties. Tammy said there was very little food left after she sent that e-mail out to everyone announcing the leftovers. Karla said there was very little food left after she put the food in the lounge. After Thanksgiving party, for example, Leo took all the mashed potatoes.

Mike or somebody needs to talk to Jim about us not getting the whole check from the book sales since we are going to be paying for retirement parties now.

Celebration of Service:

Mike, Ruthe and Colleen got the e-mail from Shannon Cary about meeting on Jan. 22, 2010 to plan for that event.

Jack:

He will cash the CD that comes due in March and put that money into the money market and buy the mutual fund when it gets cheaper.

Book Sale:

Per Sandy's report that she e-mailed earlier in the week - Six books were sold on Amazon since the last meeting, for a profit of \$211.55.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11th from 2:00-3:00 in the Rm. 159 (Ellis Ref. conference room).