

## Meeting of the MU Libraries Staff Association Board of September 9, 2010

**Present:** Kris Anstine, Adrienne Arden, Mary Aycok, Jack Batterson, Rachel Brekhus, Ruth Feldkamp, Ruthe Morse, Sandy Schiefer, Will McCrary, P.T. Martin, Delores Fisher

**Not Present:** Karla Geerlings

**Meeting convened** at 2:07 p.m.

### **Follow-ups:**

Rachel followed up about lounge issues, but hasn't yet received concrete information about installation, costs, etc. She suggested getting estimates and other information from suppliers, such as Culligan, in anticipation.

Kris found out that Culligan's water heating solution would not be appropriate for the lounge.

- He plans to get in touch with Culligan about water softening, and will study the website for other information. Estimated cost for filtration is about \$41 quarterly for softener cartridges, with a service fee of \$50 for Culligan to replace.
- Rachel will talk to Bookmark Café to see how their heating process works.
- It was agreed that we need a comprehensive plan for hot water/softening/filtering. It was noted that our water comes from the University, not from the city of Columbia.

Pictures from the MULSA Picnic are formatted and ready to be uploaded; Rachel will put these up very soon.

### **Lounge vending:**

Adrienne reported that there is a new liaison between us and our drink providers.

- It was revealed that one of our Coke machines gets much less revenue than the other, likely because it breaks down often. It was generally agreed that we could probably do with only one big machine – it would add some space.
- The vending liaison should be instructed to fill machines before school breaks; otherwise, they may be passed over.
- The new liaison encouraged us to contact him in case of problems.

A clarification: the library gains no income from the machines. They are for convenience only.

It was suggested that we add I.D. card readers to the machines. Since we are not affiliated with Campus Dining, this is not possible. It was also noted that there are few students using the machines, so the benefits would be limited.

**Lounge Cabinetry:**

Adrienne visited Lowe's to look at cabinets. She picked up brochures, will study these as well as Lowe's website for more information. The board will have to collectively decide on style, sizes, etc.

**Absence:**

Adrienne will be absent from the next meeting, due to family medical issues.

**Charity:**

P.T. asked about interest in monthly donations to the Food Bank.

- Rachel preferred the ease and simplicity of United Way donations.
- P.T. suggested that we donate different foods every month based on a theme; this was a universally liked idea.
- Adrienne reminded the board about Second Chance donations, suggested that we roll these donations into the "theme month" idea.

It was suggested that members donate to the Food Bank in memory of Judy Maseles' late father.

There was a reminder that the Food Bank also accepts new/slightly used backpacks to be used as school supplies.

**Parties:**

The next party will be the New Staff Tea, on September 30 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

There will be a party in the morning for Halloween (on Friday, October 29).

**Financial:**

Our \$2500 CD will soon mature. It was decided that the investment would then be split: half into a 6 month CD, and half in a 1 year CD.

Most of our money is liquid, other than the CD, but it might be necessary to use part of it for lounge renovations. There is still much to find out about the costs. The library may pay for part of the renovation, but this is not guaranteed.

- P.T. raised a concern about running low on operating funds if we spend too much on the renovation.

**No other new business.**

**Meeting adjourned** at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Will McCrary, October 14 2010