

Meeting of the ***MU Libraries Staff Association Board*** of October 14, 2010

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

Not Present: Delores Fisher

Meeting convened at 2:04 p.m.

Staff Lounge:

Meetings are being planned to discuss lounge issues, but they will not take place until November due to the full schedules of the involved parties. Rachel plans to ask about costs and Library admin financial assistance.

Spotlight Award:

Karla reported that the Spotlight Award for summer has been delivered and has been posted on the MUSE blog, bringing the awards up to date. The award will be linked to from the MULSA website.

MULSA Website

Will volunteered to take over the maintenance of the MULSA web site, taking over from Mathew Stephen who is no longer a board member. Plans include revamping the web site and archiving old materials.

Lounge Refreshments

Jack suggested providing donuts, bagels, or other snacks in the lounge on a regular basis (weekly, quarterly, monthly, etc.).

- Kris raised the point that branch libraries tend to miss out on many of these sorts of perks, as well as people who work later shifts.
- Ruth raised the point that some people have health needs that might be compromised.
- An idea was put forth to have rotating parties and other events for the branch libraries, which was universally liked by the board. Rachel suggested that the idea (or one similar) should be raised at the next annual staff meeting.

Print MUSE

Mary suggested that the print version of the MUSE Magazine make a return in some capacity. People enjoyed reading the print version in the lounge.

- Rachel suggested putting copies in other staff places, as well as the lounge.
- Adrienne confirmed that the paper MUSE was definitely read in the lounge.
- There were many ideas for new features (poetry, crosswords, obituaries).
- Karla suggested making copies with the machines in the admin office (with covers in color).

- It was agreed by the board that a pilot issue could be started, possibly expanding to a regular edition if it proved popular.

Missouri Book Challenge

Rachel presented the Missouri Book Challenge, a series of book review blogs by library staff members that participated in a statewide competition. A PDF of the MLA Competitive Reading Guidelines was provided. Rachel thought it would be a good idea for MU to participate.

- There are prizes for many categories (most reviews, most words, etc.) as well as special prizes for frequent contributors. The deadline is January 2011.
- Rachel suggested using part of the Spotlight prize money for local prizes, but Karla thought that there might be hard feeling from other groups. It was agreed to use separate funds for prizes.
- The board universally agreed to try the Challenge internally until January, when we would consider joining the statewide challenge. A website had already been made available.
- Ruth invited all participants to peruse the New Book Shelf for review subjects.

Next meeting: November 11

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Will McCrary, November 9 2010