

MULSA meeting March 17, 2011

Present: Adrienne Arden, Mary Aycock, Jack Batterson, Rachel Brekhus, Ruth Feldkamp, Karla Geerlings, Ruthe Morse, Sandy Schiefer

Absent: Kris Anstine, Delores Fisher, Tammy Green, PT Martin

Gift item for lounge

Someone donated a Southeast Asian or Indonesian painting, framed in paper, to the MU Libraries. Mark Ellis approached Rachel about it and she has asked him to find some more information about the donor and the provenance of the item, and also investigate whether AI can get it framed and hung. There was general approval of having it in the staff lounge, either along with or as a substitute for the two yellow/orange prints on the long wall by the soda machines. AI should consult with Adrienne about placement of the painting.

Discussion: Who is interested on staying/rotating off board in the coming year?

Karla will automatically become President and Kris will automatically enter his second year as book sale co-chair. Delores will run for Courtesy. Ruth will run again for Social co-chair. Tammy will run for Secretary. Mary will run for Muse co-chair but is interested in finding a co-chair, as the position stipulates. Jack will run for Treasurer. Rachel will run for Vice President. We are uncertain of P.T.'s status.

Adrienne and Sandy will be rotating off the board. Several names were brought up for various positions (Jerri Eldridge, Sheena Waggoner, Darell Schmick, Jackie Blonigen, Amy Lana). Board members will talk with them.

Discussion: Should we "slow down" the book sale, since the stock left over from the time of The Big Biennial Book Sale has been depleted?

General consensus is no, we should not worry about depleting the stock at this point. We are coming to a high-donation time of year (end of Spring semester, retirements, etc.), and we can publicize the sale a little more to encourage additional donations. Rachel will continue to look into the book drop idea – we still don't know if it will be needed at the Math Library – and Sandy will write up a reminder for library staff, that they can donate books directly to the Book Sale and need not send them to Gifts.

Picnic: A synopsis of survey responses was distributed. The most popular date is June 10, and Buford Shelter, in Cosmo Park, has been reserved for that date. There will be no particular theme to the picnic, but several good suggestions about fun activities & other ideas were received.

Open House: Ruthe and Ruth have the first-ever Branch Open House under control. Invitations have been sent.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting was set for Thursday May 19 (morning; time to be determined). There will be annual reports from Executive Committee (Pres/VP/Sec/Treasurer), elections, and if the board decides on it, possibly a further clarification on the benefits of MULSA membership with regard to retirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Brekhus

p.s. I have sent Pat Jones a note asking about the book drop.