

MULSA Minutes

April 14, 2011

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

Upcoming elections

Members discussed candidates for the board for next year. The slate currently looks like (tentative):

President: Karla Geerlings (succession from vice-president)

Vice-president: Rachel Brekhus

Secretary: Tammy Green

Treasurer: Jack Batterson

Staff Lounge Chair: Adrienne Arden

Social Co-Chairs: Ruthe Morse, Ruth Feldkamp

Community Chair: Open

Muse co-chairs: Mary Aycock, Darell Schmick

Rachel mentioned that annual reports from the chairs are due in May.

In terms of election items, Rachel volunteered to write something up about what services MULSA can offer retirees not directly affiliated with MU Libraries.

Ballots for candidates and items must be made available two weeks before meeting.

The Social Committee will provide refreshments.

Social Event at Geology

Apparently, the social event at the Geology Library during Spring Break proved successful in terms of attendance.

Lounge Report

Adrienne reported that the new (to us) couch has been placed in the lounge thanks to the generous help of Mike Spears as well as Ruth Feldkamp who helped with moving it. She also reported that there have been disturbing incidents in which someone apparently left the coffee pot on before 7am when it was empty.

There is a shortage of spoons and Adrienne will send out a message to staff asking for donations and also returns. Members also discussed the possibility of marking the software, whether with nail polish or something more elaborate. Kris mentioned that items such as silverware occasionally appear on Freecycle and he will monitor the list for it.

Lounge Renovation

Karla has proposed that the lounge renovation be divided into two parts due to the delay in getting the estimate for the renovation. The first phase would install the water softener and hot water heater. She pointed out that hot water is necessary to sanitize dishes. A Culligan representative estimated the water softener would cost \$799 plus \$125 charge for a carbon filter if MULSA pursues that option. The water heater would be a spot heater that would feed into the spigot. Talks are still pending with administration on whether they might help pay for part of this cost.

Discussion also touched on cabinetry and the option to purchase some free-standing furniture/cabinets, particularly for the microwave.

Next Meeting: May 5th