

Mulsa Aug 13 2002  
University of Missouri Libraries Staff Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
August 13, 2002  
2:00-3:30 pm  
Fourth Floor Conference Room

Those present were: Jack Batterson, Rachel Brekhus, Steve Clayton, Cindy Cotner, Ruthe Morse, Karen Eubanks, and Tammy Green

The July minutes were approved as amended.

Rachel passed out the Book sale, Muse, Community Service, Courtesy Chair, Staff Lounge and the Social Committee reports. Steve passed out the Treasurer's Report for August 2002.

The group discussed the book sale. The book sale committee will probably get a small dumpster for leftover books. Books are stored in the stairwell and in the basement hallway just outside room 52. Karen said that Dr. A. Schroeder donated a huge collection of German books recently. Languages and Literatures Librarian, Ann Barker, on vacation now, will be the main selector to determine what books to keep. June DeWeese has overseen several book donations from donors she knows personally. Linda Lyle will help with the pricing of the collector books. Karen suggested that Mulsa members should try learning as much as possible from Linda about how to price the books. Now Karen and Sean are sorting through books. Someone suggested that Pearl Barron (Staff Development Committee) can help set up a workshop with Margaret Howell on identifying rare books. Mike Cook will try again this year to get eight hours of paid release time for everyone who works with the book sale. Ruthe asked that everybody bring some food for the book sale workers.

Rachel talked about the contract that appeared in her office that involved Mulsa and the book sale: Bob Almony on behalf of MU Libraries Administration asked Rachel to sign a contract naming MULSA an "outside consultant" to provide labor for the October book sale. A similar contract was signed in 2000 by then-MULSA President Nicole Brown. That was the first year that such a contract had been drawn up. Bob mentioned that the University Business Office had requested that such a contract be used. Rachel was reluctant to sign the contract because it seemed to set MULSA up as the sole responsible party in case of injuries to employees. Bob A. recommended that MULSA have an attorney look the contract over, and line out some language in the contract if necessary. MULSA would then present the altered version of the contract to the University Business Office to see whether the University would accept the proposed changes. Rachel also considered that the attorney could write up a waiver for volunteers to sign, absolving MULSA of responsibility. Rachel mentioned the matter of the contract to Jim Cogswell during the course of another meeting she was having with him on August 15th, and he expressed displeasure with the idea of the contract. He and/or the Administration Office will speak further with the University Business Office about certain parts of the contract and possibly also about the practice of using volunteers as outside contractors for the booksale as stipulated in this contract.

Rachel gave an update on the AAA Environmental inkjet cartridge recycling project. She received 23 free boxes and will write a letter for the Library News Notes and for listservs about this opportunity to help the libraries. Rachel will ask Mary Ryan whether this needs to be approved by divisional heads or by Library Council.

The Newcomers Committee will meet with Leo right after this meeting. It was suggested to include Leo in the discussions since this involves library personnel. The funding issue should be resolved at this meeting. Rachel hopes that this will be a Library committee and not an ad hoc type of committee.

Melissa Skinner has agreed to help MULSA plan and carry out a newcomers social event (Kaffeeklatch). Melissa suggested we set a date for the 2nd or 3rd week in September between Tuesday and Thursday at 2-4 pm. We will provide coffee, and Rachel agreed to bring the Mountain Dew. Melissa will pass out the sign-up sheet, and she will do the

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advertising for the event. Plans call for having different colored name plates for new members and old members. There will be a quiz game (using open book method) with categories like little known facts, who is in the MU Libraries, and places within the libraries. Send quiz questions to Melissa.

The MU Landscape project was discussed briefly. Someone asked if we had any printed information about Mulsa. Karen thought we had 1,000 brochures printed and that they might be stored at the Library Admin office. Rachel mentioned we might want to update the information in this brochure.

Photo album discussion followed. Rachel received the list of new staff and student employees from Leo. Steve proposed that we do this project every 3-4 years. Karen said that we did this last in May 1999. That 1999 picture was at the same place in the auditorium as the 1979 picture. Cindy said that she would contact Guidebook Publishing, based in St. Louis, and Life Touch Church Directory of Jefferson City for more information. Karen said that the University Academic Support did the last library directory in 1990, and Marge Schwartz was the photographer. Cindy volunteered to call Marge and see if she would be interested in doing it again for us. Steve will contact David Rees at the Missourian and see if there are students who might want to take this on as a student project. Rachel will call Academic Support and Columbia Photo for more information and to help her decide if we should use digital camera or regular film. This directory is going to be conceived as a paper, not web, product.

Jack noted that the Mulsa web site showed that our next annual meeting was changed to May 8, 2003.

The next Mulsa meeting date was changed to Sept. 17th (Tuesday) from 2:00-3:30 pm