

Mulsa Jan 17 2003
University of Missouri Libraries Staff Association
Executive Board Meeting
Jan. 17, 2003
2:00-3:20 pm
Fourth Floor Conference Room

Present: Jack Batterson, Rachel Brekhus, Steve Clayton,
Cindy Cotner, Ruthe Morse, Karen Eubanks, and Tammy Green, Wayne
Sanders, Bob Lynn

Minutes were read and approved.

Photo directory: Rachel explained that some people might not be comfortable having their pictures taken because both pictures and names would be in the photo directory. We might be able to have access to the photo album via password on Eres (Electronic reserves). Marie has been taking pictures on behalf of the MU Libraries for the MU Libraries web site. We might be able to use some of these pictures for our photo directory. Rachel will contact Academic Support Center closer to the time when we do the photo directory, because their prices might change.

Christmas Carols: Wayne got some feedback on the caroling. He pointed out that we have people of varying religions working for the Libraries, and some thought that some of the songs were inappropriate for our work environment. People were not personally offended. As an organization reflecting the library staff as a whole, MULSA wants to respect the religious diversity of the library staff. Rachel suggested we might keep doing the caroling, doing secular songs, and then do religious songs upon request. Also, we could do spiritual songs that are not too overtly Christian.

Food Drive: Bob reported 38 pounds collected, a smaller amount than before, because it was so soon after Thanksgiving.

Advertising: Tammy noted that the copy service advertisements promote other departments on campus but rarely promote the library. Various constituencies, including the Staff Development Committee and MULSA would like to have one or two bulletin boards around the library at high traffic areas to promote library events of interest to the general public and/or library staff. Tammy will talk to Linda at the Unions about a getting a bulletin board at the upcoming coffee bar on the ground floor of Ellis Library.

Courtesy: Mulsa bought flowers for Brenda Blevins for the loss of her father.

Lounge: Karen bought a new filter head and coffee pot. The soda machines were not stocked over the break. In the future, perhaps Karen could call a few days before the next extended vacation to ask the University to restock the machines. Spring Break is our next long vacation.

Booksale: Ruthe reported that she met with Mike and Shelia (Wayne was unable to attend) for a post-book sale meeting in December. They discussed the sale, listing the good and bad points with a view towards making the next one better. Mike intended to write a report for the Library Council and will invite the whole committee to attend when it is put on the agenda.

Also, Ruthe commented on the success of the adopted families. Photos of the items given were taken, and she will get something written for the next MUSE. Thank you cards from the families are on the Mulsa bulletin board in the lounge.

Last Valentine's Day party: Bob will ask for any digital pictures from our last Valentine's Day party for use on the MULSA web site.

New Business:

Annual meeting: Because of the continuous expense, Rachel will write an item for consideration at the May annual meeting on the issue of water filters and why we may

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not need them. She will include explain why there is no real health reason for having the filters, as well as a proposal to consider favoring one-time improvement to the lounge such as a toaster oven.

Earth Day: Earth Day is April 22. MULSA would like to have this party in late March or early April. Because Rachel will be at the ACRL conference from April 9-16, Melissa and Marie are likely candidates to help with the planning. This party will replace the Valentine's Day party, which ranked low in the MULSA survey.

Future meetings: February 11, March 4, 2003 and April 9, 2003. The annual meeting is set for May 20.