

University of Missouri Libraries Staff Association
Executive Board Meeting
Dec. 8, 2005
1:30-2:30 pm
Staff Lounge

Present: Jack Batterson (recorder), Rachel Brekhus, Steve Clayton, Delores Fisher, Karla Geerlings, Tammy Green, Wayne Sanders, Anna Schlagenhauff, Michael Spears, and Bette Stuart

Absent: Melissa Plunkett, and Kathy Peters

Community Report:

Columbia Second Chance brought several dogs to the Thanksgiving party. In addition, they sold crafts and accepted donations. In total, they raised about \$265.00. It was very successful, and it is something we would want to do again next year.

The library collected four blankets just before Thanksgiving in response to an urgent call from Memorial Baptist Church, located at 1634 Paris Road, Columbia, MO. The blankets were distributed to victims of Hurricane Katrina in Bayou La Batre, Alabama during the church's three-day mission trip.

An additional eighteen pounds of food has been delivered to the Central Missouri Food Bank.

MULSA has one bag of Happy Meal kids' toys that will be donated to the Salvation Army.

The Festival of Giving was held at the Columbia Mall on Sun, Dec 4th from 3:00-6:00pm. Jack will have the final numbers soon. Kathy reported that Jack and Rachel did a great job organizing volunteers and publicizing the event. Many thanks to everyone who helped or purchased tickets!

The Adopted Families Program ends this week. Ruthe has everything under control. Thanks to Ruthe for managing the materials and to Michael Spears for creating the Adopted Families checklist, which prints out a very handy list of the items claimed.

The food drive for the MULSA Christmas Party has been cancelled. MULSA will continue to collect donations in the staff lounge while Kathy is away, thanks to Anna. A food drive will take place in the spring. Kathy will coordinate this with CMFB to find a time that is generally low for donations. Kathy might put out a call for volunteers so that interested staff members can volunteer at the CMBF facility as a group sorting and/or distributing food.

Book Sale:

Subsequent to our last meeting, the book sale co-chairs e-mailed Bob Almony to check the status of the pending check from September 2004-June 2005. The payment was issued on November 15, 2005 in the amount of \$1,341.50. Bette has received and deposited the check.

An announcement was sent to staff about sorting through the stored gifts and discards (not selected by MU) for appropriate materials to be considered for replacing books at Southern University in New Orleans. MULSA's first aim was simply to get all possible titles (reference, juvenile, LC A-D and Afro-American) from the boxes with the help of anyone who wanted to work. "selecting" will have to be done later by those involved with the collection development for SUNO.

Yesterday, Ruthe and Wayne met with a representative from Better World Books (<http://www.betterworldbooks.com/>). MULSA is enrolled in one of their programs and will receive boxes and other shipping supplies from them. Books which have not been purchased from the book sale area will be sent to this company postage paid (with some exceptions, such as mass market paperbacks). Ruthe and Wayne will be able to track sales and other statistics. Since these books have been picked over, MULSA is not eligible to receive funds from the sale of these books. The company, however, will send 15% of net sales to a non-profit literacy partner. We selected The National Center for Family Literacy, as we can earmark money to them to go to relief for libraries damaged by recent hurricanes in the United States.

In addition to the above account, Ruthe and Wayne will be checking with administration, whether we can enroll in an additional account for books that have not been picked over (such as books for auction, Missouri Press remnants, and the like). Previously, BWB allowed an organization to have only one account. MULSA would receive 15% of net sales from the organization (which MULSA would split with the MU Libraries), and the same percentage would also go to a literacy partner. Ruthe and Wayne will keep the Board advised on the situation.

Holiday Party:

Once again, the party will be held in the Bookmark Café area from 4 to 6 pm on December 20, 2005. Everyone will be asked to bring goodies while MULSA will provide some food and drinks.

Muse:

Rachel issued a call for contributions to the upcoming holiday issue.

Other:

Jack suggested that MULSA try recruiting members of LSO, the department that recently moved into Ellis Library 4th floor conference room. Rachel will write something and give copies to LSO in their upcoming open house.

Respectively Submitted,

Jack Batterson