

FRIENDS OF THE GOLDA MEIR LIBRARY  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
May 30, 2008 4:00 p.m.  
Special Collections Reading Room

Present: Pat Van Alyea, Ewa Barczyk, Betty Bostrom, E.J. Brumder, Deborah Conta, Suzy Ettinger, Bruce Fetter, Sarah Kimball, Nancy Laskin, Marianne Lubar, Robert Meldman, Martine Meyer, George Mosher, Beverly Perlson, Gwen Plunkett

Guests: Steven Burnham, Susan Modder, Dawn Lee-Vue (recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. The minutes of the May 17, 2007 annual meeting were approved as submitted.
2. President's report: As of May 1, 2008, Friends membership total is 360. President Pat Van Alyea commented that last year, the year ahead loomed large with challenges. The first challenge was to raise \$1.6 million and secondly, how to have a program equal to last year's by EJ Brumder. But with such an enthusiastic board, all challenges were met and even exceeded its goal. Van Alyea thanked Marianne Lubar for leading the FoL Renovation Taskforce (Marianne Lubar, Chair, Larry Compton, Suzy Ettinger, Sarah Kimball, Bob Meldman, George Mosher, Jill Pelisek, Bob Pietrykowski and Pat Van Alyea) to raise funds. The goal was surpassed and 100% of the board supported this initiative.  
This year's booksale was a success. Van Alyea thanked everyone on the board that helped.  
Van Alyea also announced all the executive committee members have agreed to stay on for one more year.
3. Treasurer's Report: Robert Meldman reported that the treasury is up. The beginning balance was \$52,540.91; ending balance \$161,191.36. \$148,098.73 of the amount is spendable. Meldman thanked the board for all their hard work and contributions. A motion to accept the report was seconded and unanimously accepted.
4. Report of the Director: Ewa Barczyk made special thanks to Van Alyea; the Executive Committee; the Board of Directors; and the membership at large for the many ways in which they have shown their support for the Libraries mission. Barczyk added that the evening program is in conjunction with the AGS Library 30<sup>th</sup> celebration. Barczyk highlighted a number of Libraries accomplishments and projects from the past year.
  - Planning and funding of the Libraries West Wing renovation, with the Daniel M. Soref Learning Commons. Extended thanks to the FoL

Renovation Taskforce for helping to raise the private financial support needed for the project to begin this fall. Currently working with the design team and architects to determine how best to apply the combined Friends Board member gifts towards enhancing technology, which will make the new Learning Commons successful for students.

- Thanked the board for their continued support for staff development during this time of budget cuts. Because of this, a dozen librarians are going to Madison next week to hear a national speaker and to meet with colleagues from around the state on key issues. She also said she was grateful, as is Susan Modder, for their continued funding for Modder to help Friends initiatives.
- The Libraries have also been beneficiaries of several other significant gifts this year. Friends Executive Board member Bob Meldman, his wife, his wife's sister and her husband, Reena and Michael Hais, created the Louis P. and Ethel S. Setlick Fund for the Study of Jewish Society and Culture in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mirta Kupferminc, the Argentine artist who illustrated the first book purchased by the Setlick Fund, will give two lectures here in September.
- Inspired by the Maps and America lecture series that Arthur and Jan Holzheimer have endowed and supported since its inception, Edward Wilkommen, a Map Society member has proposed to underwrite a new lecture series in the AGS Library, beginning this fall. More information on these events forthcoming.
- Participated in several exhibitions this past year, lending maps to a Field Museum show which also traveled to Baltimore and polar expedition photographs to a Milwaukee Art Museum exhibit.
- Hosted a number a community members at "Tea and Tour of the Library" series.

## 5. Committee Reports

- Communications Committee: Sarah Kimball noted working collaboratively with board member EJ Brumder from the Program Committee has made promoting the book signing and cooking demonstration, *An Afternoon under the Tuscan Sun* a success despite weather. Kimball reported that the committee is moving forward with the new member initiative, new brochures have been printed and the mailing lists are being prepared. Promoting the FoL membership to neighborhood community members around the area such as Murray Hill Neighborhood Association as well as the Cambridge Woods Neighborhood. Both associations are excited and on board to connect with the Friends and distribute the new brochures.
- Development Committee: Bob Meldman deferred to Marianne Lubar to report on the Renovation Taskforce. Lubar reported on behalf of the Library Renovation Taskforce how pleased and proud it is to have 100% board participation in supporting the project. The Daniel M. Soref Learning

Commons will transform learning at the Library for the students. The renovation will also emphasize to the campus and community how critical the Library is for UWM's success.

- Program Committee: EJ Brumder reported two very successful booksales this year generating over \$12,000. Brumder thanked board member Nancy Laskin for organizing it this year. Despite the blizzard, Brumder reported another successful Friends Book Signing and cooking demonstration program with author Paul Salsini and two Tuscan chefs, Elissa Franke and Simonetta Palazzo. The Friends also sponsored a successful trip to Chicago's Festival of Maps where 4 treasured maps from the AGS Library were on display including the Leardo map of the world. Brumder is looking forward to another book signing program for next year.
  - Nominating Committee: Lubar presented the slate of nominees for 2008/09; the adoption of the slate of nominees was moved and seconded. There were no further nominations from the floor.
6. New Business- Election of Board members: Van Alyea thanked outgoing Board members John Koethe and Donn Haglund for their services. Officers re-elected to two-year terms were Pat Van Alyea, President, and Deborah Conta, Secretary. Suzy Ettinger and Gwen Plunkett were re-elected to four-year terms on the board. Tony Asmuth and Denise Elfe were elected to a four-year term on the Board.
  7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.