

**Minutes of the Friends of the Stewart Library Board Meeting
April 26, 2005, 12:30 p.m.
Classroom 159**

Presiding: Jodee Hoellein

Present: Joan Hubbard, Priti Kumar, Jean Andra Miller, Jelean Montgomery, Betty Stewart Moore, Carl Porter, John Sillito, Linda Sillitoe, Theron Stock, Janis Vause, Jean Anne Waterstradt, and Dian Wismer. Pam Higginson, Anneliese Konkol, and Maria Parrilla de Konkol were excused.

Welcome: Jodee Hoellein welcomed the Board Members and commented favorably on the public issues forum preceding the meeting. About 90 people convened to hear Tom Smart, David Smart, and Lee Benson discuss the media and investigative issues in their newly-released book. Jodee also commented on the success of the book sale in its new first floor location and urged board members to donate more books for next year's book sale.

Minutes: Dian Wismer moved the approval of the March minutes; Priti Kumar seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report/Book Sale: Joan Hubbard reported the Friends account at \$22,787.70. Funds from the book sale totaled \$1,193.70, which is not the highest amount sold but is among the highest. Joan commented that next year we need more literature and fiction to sell. Once the remodeling is finished, we need to decide if it would be better to hold the book sale near the new west entry or have it near Current Periodicals again. Joan also said that the book sale should open at 8 a.m. rather than 9 a.m. because people are already going through books by then. More cashiers, separating the literature and fiction from romance and

mystery, and dividing the social sciences would all help next year, as well. Joan also suggested we have more signs next year, and that we design a t-shirt since a number of people asked about those. Other suggestions are seeking more publicity, running an ad in the *Signpost*, and trying again to get the book sale on the marquee. John Sillito and Carl Porter suggested advertising in conjunction with the National Undergraduate Literature Conference and possibly making up a book bag with both logos on it.

Joan Hubbard suggested several print acquisitions at pre-publication prices, each of which have been requested by faculty: *The Encyclopedia of Animal Behavior* at \$315; *Understanding China Today*, for \$179; *Women in the Middle Ages*, for \$179; and a two-part video series, *History of Dance*, for \$139 for each part. The acquisitions total \$1,151. Janis Vause moved that the Board fund these acquisitions, and Dian Wismer seconded the motion, which carried.

Recent events: Theron Stock distributed a hand-out with background on the *Elizabeth R* series, shown as part of this year's Celebrate Shakespeare! Theron said about 28 people attended the videos at the public library. Theron also thanked Joan Hubbard and Jodee Hoellein for letters supporting a Utah Libraries Association award for the Weber County Public Library. The award will be given at the ULA conference in May.

Janis Vause reported that 1,400 students in the morning and around 900 people in the evening enjoyed the Utah Shakespearean Touring Group's production of *The Taming of the Shrew*. Linda Sillitoe reported that Michael Don Bahr's interactive lecture on "Taming Shakespeare" was well attended and well received. Small audiences viewed the video selections in Special Collections. Carl Porter reported on the success of the National Undergraduate Literature

Conference, featuring six authors and involving around several hundred people. He complimented Betty Stewart Moore on her reading of a Maya Angelou poem at the “My Favorite Poem” event.

Upcoming events: Linda Sillitoe said the dates March 22-24 have been reserved with the Touring Group for next year’s performance of *Hamlet*. [Note: The Utah Shakespearean Touring Group will not be in Ogden that week after all, and so Friday, April 7 is reserved.] John Sillito announced the fifth annual Utah Construction/Utah International Symposium on October 5-6 in conjunction with a lecture by historian Douglas Brinkley. John also confirmed that we will hold the Friends Public Issues Forum in September and involve the new publisher of the *Standard-Examiner*, as well as Communication faculty and students. John also mentioned a potential Bernard DeVoto event in conjunction with Special Collections at the University of Utah.

Other: Jean Andra Miller thanked the Board for the flowers sent to her husband, Richard, following heart surgery. Jodee Hoellein suggested inviting the wife of the new newspaper publisher to join the Board. John Sillito moved that we skip the May meeting. Committees may meet as needed during the summer months. Jelean Montgomery seconded the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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