Members in attendance
Nancy Baird, Jane Baker, Vicki Fitch, Joann Jones, Jeanne Patterson, Howard Margolis, Jerry Martin, Pat Miller, Amy Schneider, Gayla Warner, and Miki Wiseman

Library Representatives
Susan Broady, Dean Connie Foster, Kristen Peterson, Sara Volpi, and Jennifer Wilson

Chair Pat Porter Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Dean Foster welcomed everyone and introduced Jane Baker, the newest board member.

Faculty members Dr. Brian Coutts, Dan Forrest, John Gottfried, Deana Groves, Charles Smith, Carol Watwood, and Haiwang Yuan gave brief descriptions of their time with WKU and what their position includes, and some of their individual accomplishments.

Approval of Minutes
Vicki Fitch made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Nancy Baird seconded. Approved as written.

Pat Porter Miller passed around a thank-you note from Kristie Lowry for the tea gift card she received as she left for her new position in Virginia. The Council appreciated her achievements with the SoKy Book Fest and other events.

Development Report – Kristen Peterson
• Suggestions for a bank sponsor for the 2016 SOKY Book Fest were made.
• NEW Dean’s Fund for Excellence through a generous gift of $10,000 from a former library employee.
• Charitable contribution in the form of a bequest that will be close to $135,000.
• 2015 SOKY Book Fest sales doubled from previous year’s total.

Marketing and Membership Report – Jennifer Wilson
• Distributed Spring/Summer 2015 Collections & Connections newsletter
• Dr. Coutts and Jennifer shared the upcoming speaker series and Calendar of Events Fall 2015 and Spring 2016
• Noted some of the positive comments for April’s Book Fest from BF participant surveys and from KY Writers Conference
• Reported on white squirrel t-shirt sales at the Book Fest: sold 69 t-shirts, profit was $317

Dean Foster provided the following items since the last meeting:
• Introduced Sara Volpi as new Literary Outreach Coordinator with a master’s in English (rhetoric and composition) from WKU.
• Reported that the Book Fest account for WKU Libraries is $18,071 and represents a healthy start for the 2016 event.
• Friends of WKU Libraries has a balance of $29,000, fairly constant with expenses and contributions.
• Abby Zibart was the second student assistant scholarship winner with $500 from the newly funded scholarship with the College Heights Foundation.
• Reallocation of resources: impact on the Libraries means elimination of 2 vacant part-time faculty positions, elimination of one technical services staff position, reduction in serials/book budget, delay in hiring special collections faculty position for at least one year; fewer renovation projects.
• She will meet with Jay Todd Richey, new SGA president, upon his return from China in August to discuss additional ways the library can meet student research needs.

• Library Faculty Subject Specialists are the key to connecting to campus entities, promoting services, and engaging in research instruction.

• Recognized Howard Margolis as the outgoing advisory council member, having served 2 three-year terms. Thank you, Howard!

Old Business
• Fundraiser (author reading, reception) Kristen Peterson asked if this was still an event the board was interested in trying. The event will need to stay small (dozen or so) to keep it personal for all participants.

• Library School Grant committee will consist of Nancy Baird, Joann Jones, and Amy Schneider, with Jennifer Wilson. Application reviewed in fall with award presented in January 2016.

• The Library Assistant Student Scholarship award committee will consist of Jeanne Patterson and Miki Wiseman with Crystal Bowling facilitating. Applications will be reviewed in October and February for presentation before each semester is completed.

• Discussion about a preview time for Friends prior to public Used Book Sale.

New Business
• Discussion about having a community committee plan Meet the Authors Reception! Jane Baker recalled that this was done originally when the reception was held in the KY Building. Decided to leave as is in 2016.

Change of the leadership gavel to Nancy Baird.

Announcements – Nancy Baird
• Homecoming 2015, “Under the Big Top”: Library event, Saturday morning, November 7, from 10-11:30. Exact location to be determined.

• The 24th installment into the Hall of Distinguished Alumni (HODA) will be November 6; there is seating available for any of the council members who would like to join the Libraries table.

Future Meetings – October 12, Guillame Executive Board Room, Augenstein Alumni Center.
January 11, 2016 meeting Educational Resources Center (Ransdell Hall), corner of Regents and Normal
April 4, 2016 meeting Kentucky Library Special Collections

Gayla Warner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Miki Wiseman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Amy Schneider, Secretary

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