

**Friends of the Michigan Tech Library Board**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting**  
—Thursday 2 February 2017—

**Present:** Faith Morrison (FM), Kelly Luck (KL), Amy Hughes (AH), Steven Walton\* (SW), Holly Nemiroff (HN), Elioise Haller (EH), Shruti Amre (SA), usg rep. Josh Davis (JD), gsg rep. Sai Sharath Gorthy (SG).

**Absent:** Susan Martin, Mary Marchiterre, Dana Richter, Karen Hubbard

**Visitors:** Lindsey Hiltunen (Ellen Marks scheduled, but cancelled due to illness)

*\*acting secretary, as MM and SM are absent*

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Meeting called to order 4:05

[Travel Grants Report \(Lindsay Hiltunen, Michigan Tech Archives\)](#)

LH has come to visit us to request funding for 2017 (calendar year) for the visiting library fellows. Three grants awarded in 2016; only two were able to visit, but both of their talks were well-received. The request for 2017 is the same as previous years: Seeking \$2,000 for travel grants, and to carry over the \$500 from last year that was unused (recipient Mary Doria Russel (MDR) could not find a time to visit). That extra \$500 would go a long way for entertainment costs for snacks etc. at the talk they give, as well as taking them on e.g., a mine tour, area tour, etc.

2016 recipient MDR, writing a novel on Big Annie and the 1913 Strike, was unable to visit due to family difficulties. The \$500 for her was reserved in case she could come in 2017, but she has so far been able to make some time. Do we want to reserve the \$500 ongoing for Russell? SW: proposed that the MDR money be held in reserve for her only until the meeting to review this year's applicants in April, at which time she should have been able to tell if she can come in 2017. If she cannot commit to a date, that money reverts to this year's pot.

KL: we have already approved \$3,000, which includes the \$2,000 expected, plus \$500 for entertainment, plus the \$500 reserved for MDR. Since this was already in our budget for the year, no motion or vote needed.

Deadline is March 31, so decisions in April. Draft of solicitation is all ready to go live now that LH has agreement from the FMTL board for the money. LH raises the question on who would like to be on selection committee (SM and SW already indicated willingness to continue serving, and Larry Lankton likely willing; Don Durfee has left the area).

FM: any outreach to HBCUs or native colleges? LH: would like more suggestions of how to target that demographic.

LH: Last year we had an application from an international scholar from Finland; LH was unable to make specific contact when she visited in Finland at the end of 2016. But she would like

to raise the question of whether the board was willing to lift the \$750 cap on funding for any individual travel grant recipient? There may be more applicants from Finland as a result of LH's visit to the Univ. of Helsinki, and having met scholars from other northern Finnish schools as well. FM: Is this a FMTL rule or library/archives rule? LH: it's just what has always been done.... FM: in favor of giving flexibility. Leave division of \$\$ to the committee. It was felt that it would be fine to leave division of annual finds up to the selection committee; no motion or vote taken on that detail.

### [Minutes from January meeting](#)

FM moves; HN seconds, all in favor. Approved.

### [Treasurer's report](#)

A draft report was submitted, though when finalized on 5 Feb., no changes. The MTU fund is quite replete: some has come in this month from Econo receipts, but we have received a surprisingly large amount from Better World Books (sales from deaccessions from the library). The Alumni Office is buying our blankets. Q: how many blankets so we have left? KL: Maybe only 4-5. Time to order blankets... the company has been sold and blanket ordering process is under way. KL is ordering 26. Questions of price breaks for certain level of orders? KL will look into it with the new company, though the process was entirely opaque with the old one.

Bookshelf sales are steady and holding at the 2016 rate. Going well.

As it was a draft, no motion on report. [Final report emailed to board on 5 Feb.; reminder to move and approve in March meeting]

### [Winter Carnival book sale](#)

Signup sheet sent around for working and supplies: discussion on cookies, need for Styrofoam cups and supplies. Individuals will bring what they have (e.g., FM and SW will bring electric kettles, etc.). Discussion ensued of making sure we have supplies and setup for cookies area and MM (who will not be there but usually takes care of the hot chocolate and cookies area) has sent notes on what needs to be done. Group feeling was we'll wing it and be fine.

Campus map of statues need to be printed; SW will check with Blue Key

Flyers handed around for postering: HN will put up in Portage Lake District Library; SW will do Hancock, hotels; others each took a few and the PDF was sent to *FMTL-l@mtu.edu* for anyone to make/send/post copies.

Should make sure that someone is taking pictures and uploads them to our Google drive.

### [Annual Book Sale](#)

Not much to talk about at this point. DR sent work last month that we had *lots* of books.

HN: More "good" books for the bookshelf would be good to have. More variety needed: we are low on recent non-fiction; not as much current stuff.

### New business

EM was to give report from Library, but had to cancel due to illness.

### Spring Newsletter

FM will use last year's spring newsletter and redo it for this year. Should come out in March, so will get done after WC sale. Material needed by March 1. Library director will be asked for a report. Photos of library spaces suggested as many will not have seen all the renovations from last summer. We have already documented the Travel grants in previous newsletter, but will ask LH if she has any reports or photos of the recipient's talks.

### Other Business

Student Affairs committee of USG wants to put a new water bottle filler in the library. D is here to ask how that could happen? Where would it go and how does it get done? This is not really an action for FMTL, as it is USG \$ and idea. FM: Identify where you want it, tell the librarian (EM) where it would be good to have it, and be clear that USG is paying for it. EH: Suggestion of bottle signage (big water drop image?), as well as retrofitting other drinking fountains ('bubblers!').

FM: Message to GSG reps: always be thinking of what to spend \$ on.

Library acquisitions: SG: proposes more recent editions of scitech books? (but reminded that the library will not purchase textbooks). Ask librarian to make collections acquisition request. What is the greatest need? Databases? Monographs?

Three donations acknowledgement cards distributed and board members wrote notes of thanks. Returned to AH for mailing.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 (FM motion; HN second; unanimous).