

**Brooks Memorial Library
Fine Arts Committee Meeting**

July 8, 2015 8:30 AM

Present: Pam Becker; Judith Bellamy; Howard Burrows; Prudence Baird -- Staff: Jerry Carbone. FOL President: Mary Ide Absent: Christine deVallet; Helene Henry; Tracey Devlin

1. Call to order: Howard called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM.

2. Changes to the agenda: Jerry added –consideration to purchase the Jim Fisk bust.

3. Public comment: None

4. Minutes of April 1; May 6: The minutes were approved with the change that Prudence Baird was indeed in attendance at the April 1 meeting.

5. Unfinished Business

- **Summary of Building and Grounds Committee meetings:** Pam explained the process thus far and changes that may occur regarding location of fine arts storage—moved to the backroom of the genealogy stacks. The young adult collection would move into the area which is now occupied by the Technical Services office and Fine Arts storage. TSR might shift to where FA storage is to give staff better line of sight supervision of the area. The B&G committee meeting on July 9 will attempt to prioritize some of these projects.
- **Upcoming exhibits: Children’s Illustrators**— Sept/Oct—Judith Oksner; Nov/Dec John Gurney. There was more discussion regarding John’s doing caricatures of kids in November. Pam will inquire whether he has time to do this as a fund raising effort to benefit the picture book collection. Jerry will also send him a thank you and the photo take of Simi with his framed sketch that he did of her. Judith will ask Teta of Insight to contact Jerry to arrange a pickup of the art panels that will be transferred to them.
- **Noted for the minutes only:** The framed photo of the Civil War hospital was taken to Zephyr, taken out of its framed , scanned, and emailed to the National Cemetery Association. Zephyr then replaced the mat with acid free new mat, and reframed the photo with UV protected glass.

6. New Business

- **Alternative Book project:** Mary Ide of the Friends of the Library explained the initiative by the Friends to entice local area artists to participate in an altered book project, which would be a fund raising event for the Friends, as well as earn the artists some funds. The promotion for the event will go out in August with a deadline of September 30 for applicants. Mary is looking for as many as 20 submissions with a minimum of 15. There will be an evening in March when the books will be put on display with a possible talk on altered books and refreshments. Committee members offered helpful advice to Mary on the event.
- **James Fisk bust**—Jerry explained that the loaner of the bust had contacted him about whether the library would like to purchase this work of art. The Friends of the Library hold monies for the FAC to purchase relevant art work for the library. Judith wanted to know who the sculptor was. Prudence expressed some skepticism about purchasing a bust of an historic person whose personal history might be flawed. At the next meeting Jerry will bring any documentation that we have on the bust and the terms of the loan.

7. Other: Judith will contact Tracey regarding her participation on the committee. Mary mentioned the Baroque Quartet Concert sponsored by the Friends that will be held in the Main Room on Friday, July 24. She asked committee members to spread the work.

8. Adjournment: Howard adjourned the meeting at made 9:45 AM.

NEXT MEETING: August 5.2015