FOSL Board Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Northern Kentucky University, SL 102

Present: Mary Ran, Arne Almquist, John Campbell, Michael Berry, Rock Neely, Kelly Moffett, Erik Pederson, Cyd Alper-Sedgwick, Ken Gunkel, Steve Hoffman, Steve McMillan, Aaron Sharpe, Tira Rogers, Pat Brennan, Michael Monks, and Jennifer Mearns

Not Present: Vicki Schooler, Meredith Singleton, Bonnie Meyer, and Sherry Cucchiara (recording secretary)

Special Guest: Jodi Zerbe, Assistant Director, Development & Alumni Engagement

Special Presentation – Jodi Zerbe
Impact NKU – Crowdfunding mechanism. Variety of projects has been funded. Up to $25,000. Caters to millennials who like to see fast impact. Specific projects, specific needs, specific timeline. Scholarships are acceptable, but needs to be unique that our networks would support. One specific project owner. 8-10 “amplifiers.” These commit to sending out notification to their networks. The fundraising runs for 30 days. There is an online application. Can work with Jodi to craft the story.

Proxies were assigned as follows:
- Not applicable

Approval of Minutes from the September 12, 2016 Meeting – Rock Neely
- Review of minutes with typos mentioned- Change “forum” to quorum”.
- Rock moved to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting with typos corrected – motion seconded by Steve M. Passed.

Approval of Treasurer’s Reports –Tira Rogers
- Tira presented September and October Financial Statements. July and August statements have been corrected and need to be reapproved. Some items had been miscoded. Tira moved to accept July and August. Eric seconded. Passed.
- September and October: Had some errors that have been corrected. Have decreased about $2,000 since beginning of year. BBTB and Thomas S Noble Art Exhibit. Tira moved and Jennifer M. seconded. Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee – Ken Gunkel for Vicky Schooler
- T. Krue has resigned. We are now at minimum number of board members, 18. Prospective new board members include Greg Edwards—Deputy Director of The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, proposed by Arne Almquist. Gayle Brown—works at Campbell County Schools, proposed by Steve Hoffman. Brennan Scanlon, has a financial service business, networking business, on U.S. Bank board for NK region, proposed by Steve M.
**Literary Committee – Kelly Moffett**

- Kelly shared several grad students will be working with Andrea Scarpino in the Poet Workshop. She will also be doing a reading. Jodi mentioned that this would be a perfect project for the Impact NKU crowdfunding platform.

**Ad Hoc: Good Food, Good Drinks, Good Books – Cyd Alper-Sedgwick**

- Arne advised New Riff Agreement was approved and library is awaiting check but agreement was recalled to be re-examined since alcohol is being served.
- Catering Proposal (Cyd): 5 caterers have responded. All on list were contacted. Two were rejected due to cost. Three remaining with two others non-responding. Recommend that Eat Well be rejected due to limited food choices. Funky’s has good selection, good price, but quantities limited. Chef’s Choice has best variety with numbers the same as headcounts. Would like to move forward with a recommended caterer (Chef’s Choice). Cyd moved to go with Chef’s Choice. Pat B. seconded. Discussion ensued. Concerns with amount of food from Funky’s, but they have more variety. Positive comments for Chef Choice Menu. Unanimously passed.
- Jennifer suggested that it may be difficult to raise money. Carnegie event charges same amount and has been running for years. Many competing events. Cyd replied: Based on other events that they have been familiar with, think that we can do well. Ken: $20K is stretch goal. Would be happy if we made $10K. Tira: Bring in 68 people and break even, without sponsorships, auctions, etc. Ken: Four people working on event now will need full board’s help when we get closer to event.
- Sponsorship (Michael B.): Emphasize the Good Books part of the title by naming the sponsorships after literary subjects. (See handouts). Looking for recommendations from the board for sponsorships, particularly at the upper levels. Cyd: Possible donor who would like to pay for a scholarship in honor of his deceased wife.
- Books (Ken): At least two authors: Carla Colton (aka Bourbon Babe). Her book is coming out in spring. Jean Robert with his book, may bring some of the other chefs with him.
- Looking for feedback in the next few weeks, particularly names of potential sponsors.
- Rock Neelly: Chris Backhelder is finalist for National Book Award. Rock thinks that he could get him for a book reading event.
- Rock Neelly: Talked to Brad Myers, CCM guitarist, jazz trio. Holding date open for GFGDGB. Comments: would rather use NKU students.

**Ad Hoc: Christmas Celebration – Steve H**

- Approximately 120 invitees (same as previous year). Expect 50 – 70 to attend.
- Catering: French Crust. John volunteered to help Steve pick up the food. List for alcohol will be circulated.
- Q: Arne get students for music at the party? Yes.
- Honorary Guests are James and Rachel Votruba. Working on honorary certificates.
- Presentation of Chair (Ken): Sandi Webster – Would FOSL wish to honor her? John moved Steve M seconded: unanimously passed.

**Ad Hoc: FoSL Art Exhibit – Mary R**

- Thomas Satterwhite Noble Art Exhibit (September 9 – October 31)
Lots of work, but very pleased it was done.
Opening Reception presentation by relatives of the artist was well done.
Total expense covered by FoSL was $1,518.06
Sold 1 painting – Family donated $60.00 to FoSL.
Ken would like to plan and budget an annual art exhibit sponsored by FoSL

President’s Report – Ken Gunkel
- Ken presented Budget vs Actual 2016/2017 (see sheet)
- Upcoming Birthdays – Rock Neelly, 12/2

Associate Provost Report – Arne Almquist
- Arne reported library continues with moves and reorganization.

Old Business –
- BBTB Summary (Rock N): Very successful. Larger, on two floors instead of one.
- NKU Study Abroad (Kelly): “Creative Writing in Ireland” scheduled for May 9 – 22, 2017. Will be only $3,600, one of the cheaper study abroad programs. Instructors will not be paid. Arranging to have a writer (Carlo Gebler), there for dinner, reading, and to work with students. Requested FOSL to sponsor this portion of the program. Tira moved to provide $400 in support. Cyd seconded. John C. will match the board’s contribution. Passed unanimously.
- Ken has had another request for support for study abroad program from LGBTQ. Bonnie Meyer is taking a group in 2018. Stopping at a library in Amsterdam which has the world’s largest collection of LGBTQ literature.

New Business
- Status of Collaboration with Scripps Howard CFCE (Ken): Working with Mark Neikirk. Event will be on April 28 (Friday) at Cincinnati Art Museum. Subject will be Appalachia: An American Story. Panel with writers and photographer. FoSL is supplying the content. Scripps Howard CFCE to handle logistics. And the art museum will provide PR.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm Steely Library Room 102.
Adjournment moved by Michael Monks. Seconded by Erik. The meeting adjourned at 8:07