

Minutes of Librarians Meeting, December 15, 2016

Present: Scott Garrison, Leah Monger, Carrie Donovan, Dejah Rubel, Fran Rosen, Melinda Isler, Paul Kammerdiner, Mari Kermit-Canfield, Gary Maixner, Ann Breitenwischer, David Scott, Stacy Anderson, Heather Symon Bassett

Absent: Kristy Motz, Ali Konieczny

Deans Update

Dean Garrison said he was looking for responses to the current evacuation plan as experienced in the incident with the exploded mortar shell (repackaged as a novelty device) in 108. He was interested in things that went well and that they plan to unveil a new evacuation protocol in January 2017 which will also include a re-entry procedure. Stacy asked about the fact that most evacuated to the University Center and what if that was a decoy to lure individuals to that building. Garrison noted some bombs are triggered by radio devices. Mari asked if it would be possible to do a drill (in a less busy period) so staff are aware of what to do. Ann asked if DPS had a preferred dispersion of people in these incidents. Dejah noted that everyone needs to make sure that they are signed up to get emergency alerts. Paul said while he was, it apparently goes to his spam filter. He also asked if was possible for someone to notify the OID as he had a DPS staff come up to ask him questions about an ied and did not explain what was going on, so Paul started looking it up as a reference question. (he was in plainclothes). Mari noted that circulation does not always communicate with the reference desk but in this case no one knew as it was called in by a faculty member who did not notify the library staff. Garrison said the new protocol would include a flowchart. He also wished everyone a successful winter break.

Minutes Approval

The group approved the November meeting minutes. No one volunteered to take minutes at this meeting, so Melinda will take them.

Detroit Free Press Historical Collections

Fran had sent out an email about this subscription opportunity but had only received two responses. She noted this was a one-time purchase which would fill out the collection and could be paid for out of an unexpected rebate from journals paid twice. This will give us permanent access to materials that we get partially through Newsbank. Garrison asked if there was a deadline. Fran said it must be approved and signed by graduation. Motion to purchase approved.

Professional Development Discussion

Dean Garrison still did not provide the budget numbers for professional development travel that had been requested prior to the previous meeting. He did pass out a handout to help guide the discussion and said that the primary consideration is who went where and at what cost.

Dejah noted that she tried to find out whether the Michigan continuing education fund was applicable for librarians or just for staff but had not gotten a response to her request. Garrison suggested contacting Shannon. She also noted that parapro's did not have a separate rate for MiALA and that needed to be one. Stacy noted that she would like to know whether it was still at

80% if approved or a flat amount. She preferred a flat amount and Paul agreed. She also noted that as part of the Timme Travel Grants, it did not improve applicants if the whole college were required to apply. And she did not have to go to ALA but that was approved for her but not for others.

Mari said she also decided to give up ALA but would have preferred to be able to rank her choices when the request for information about travel came out.

Garrison said the choice to send relates to direct job applicability (or perhaps new responsibilities) and that choices need to be made when multiple people apply.

Leah noted that some are really going on Ferris business, as relates to the vendor issues (such as the Omni group users meeting)

Melinda noted that while she is always happy to share about the greatness of archives, much of what she learns at a conference is not necessarily directly applicable to the group and she wouldn't expect anyone to sit through a roundtable.

Fran said that in some cases it is more about a specific job than sharing. Garrison suggested methods need to be developed for sharing more effectively.

Dejah also asked about makes a group value? And how have we felt about the ERL recordings on the shared drive that Leah has done.

Stacy pointed out it is the Programs/Professional Development group that should help to work on rounding up this kind of information and disseminating it.

Discussion ended for this meeting.

Dejah reminded the group that it was not too late to donate to the student scholarship fund for matching funds to be applied.

Meeting adjourned at noon.