

**Heart of America Chapter of SLA
Board Meeting
November 14, 2006**

Present: Ginger Shields, Hilary Berndt, Gail Kammer, Kate Rogge, Eric Hutchinson and Judy Esrig.

Judy Esrig agreed to take notes of the meeting since Joan Thomas could not be present. She passed the notes for the minutes to Ginger Shields at the end of the meeting.

The minutes from the September 20th meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: We currently have \$1,674.05 in our two accounts: \$687.67 in our checking and \$986.38 in savings. The amount takes into account the check made out to Judy Esrig for her purchase of FrontPage software and a check made out to Emporia State University for our sponsorship of Rob Curley's presentations in October. Ginger reports that financially we are in good shape. Discussion was held on whether we will need to provide funds for the Leadership Conference in January (in Reno, Nevada) for Ginger or Hilary. At this time, neither have firm plans on attending although plan on attending the 2007 SLA Conference in Denver.

Old Business:

- **Website design:** Ginger is working on redesigning the website and will present her ideas to the Website Committee (Judy, Hilary and herself) before it goes live later this year. The goal is to have it live by January 1, 2007. We will be adding a RSS feed to the website that will be updated.
- **The Bulletin:** December 1st will be the deadline for articles for the Bulletin. Ginger will write a piece for the Bulletin and Hilary said she would write something up about the Rob Curley presentation she attended.
- **Rob Curley's presentations:** Rob Curley gave three presentations over the weekend of October 15-16. There is a link on the SLIM website to a video of one of his presentations, which we will link to from our website. Approximate numbers of people who attended the presentations totaled 270. HOA helped fund these presentations as part of the Strategic Plan focusing on library school students.

New Business:

- **The Strategic Plan has been approved and placed on the website.** We should use the Strategic Plan as our roadmap for the year. Helping us along will be getting a **survey of membership** (Scott Curtis and Hilary Berndt coordinating) and creating a **database of our membership**. The latter is a goal for us to create this year – a database of our HOA members and their levels of proficiencies in different areas. We would like to be able to tap their creativity and knowledge when looking for speakers or assistance for programs, internships, etc.

- **Hors d'oeuvres Or Appetizers (HOA):** Ginger Shields will be hosting an open house / networking opportunity for HOA members at her home on December 2nd from 4 – 7 pm. Evites (electronic invitations) will be sent out by Ginger to members and notification will also be put on the listserv to capture anyone missing.
- **Brainstorming for ideas for future programs:** The list posted in the September 2006 Minutes was presented as a jumping-off point. The overall feeling was that we need to provide more professional development opportunities, rather than overloading on library tours. Names of potential presenters/programs included David Stewart in Record Management at Blackwell Sanders Pepper Martin; Dave Hanson, head of business reference services at Johnson County Libraries; and a panel on managing / training employees. It was suggested that a list of past Click University classes, which are available for \$69, could be made available as part of the survey to determine people's interests. Several could be viewed during the year and we could discuss having a minimal charge in order to encourage participation and avoid overspending from the budget.
- **Auditor for HOA books:** Ginger has the same auditor used the past two years signed up to audit the books this year. She will coordinate the audit with Carl Smith, who is the incoming treasurer. The auditor will be paid \$40 for her time and services.
- **Future Board Meetings – Places to be announced.**
Tuesday, January 16 @ 5:30 pm
Tuesday, March 13 @ 5:30 pm
Tuesday, May 8 @ 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Shields
President, Heart of America Chapter 2006-2007