

Friends of Kentucky Libraries

Merry Christmas!

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Officers of Friends of Kentucky Libraries for the coming year:

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Publicity Secretary - Marjorie Smith, Louisville
New Member of Executive Committee - Mr. C. Allen Gage, Louisville
K.L.A. Ex-Officio Member - Miss Rezina Senter, Murray

-- Congratulations --

Report on
ANNUAL MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1965-66
Lexington, November 11, 1966

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries, the following business was transacted:

1. Decision was made that the slate of officers which had been read to the Committee by Mrs. William O. Brooks, Winchester, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, be presented at the luncheon which followed the meeting. (The luncheon was given by the Trustees of Kentucky Libraries, the Public Library Section and the Friends of Kentucky Libraries and was thus not the best occasion for this business but there was no other time and place set for the election.) This was done, the above named officers receiving unanimous vote.

2. Proposed changes in the present constitution were read and thoroughly discussed. Mrs. William O. Brooks, Chairman of our Constitution Revision Committee, read the proposed changes. It was the opinion of the Executive Committee that the changes they agreed upon should be typed and sent to the whole membership for vote. This procedure is the only one provided in the present constitution.
3. Marion County has applied for a donation from the Friends of Kentucky Libraries for use in setting up a dinner on which occasion explanation can be made of the need for support on a permanent basis for library and bookmobile. It had already been determined that \$300 would be an adequate amount for this dinner meeting. An anonymous donor had given \$200. Mrs. Gray moved and Mrs. Holmes seconded a motion that this organization contribute the other \$100. The motion passed.
4. A report was made by the publicity secretary on the dedication program of the J. F. Kennedy Memorial Library at West Liberty, October 11. (There were pictures of the building on the bulletin board at the entrance of the room.)
5. Report was made that Mrs. Gray made an emergency loan of \$190 to Linda Williams of West Liberty, a student of Prestonsburg College, to enable her to continue working at the College and also helping Mr. Lacy in the Library a number of hours weekly. Mr. Lacy commended her work. This \$190 is not a scholarship since Linda will repay Mrs. Gray, either in cash or through working. However, Linda has also applied for a regular scholarship in this same amount.
6. Report was made of two donations, in the sum of \$25.00, in memory of Mr. Samuel Guard, our director who died earlier this fall. Mr. Guard is greatly missed. He was three times our president and has contributed to the community in many other ways, as well. He was respected and loved by all who knew him. Anyone else who may wish to honor Mr. Guard by a donation may do so by sending the contribution to Mrs. Houston for our general fund or earmarked for some specific purpose. (Note: Since this meeting, another donation in the amount of \$25.00 has been received.)
7. It was felt, generally, that we should make plans in a different way for our next annual meeting since the way the meetings are now set up does not allow for a necessary business session - either a time or a place. There was no extra room in the hotel for the meeting and the attempt to have it in the back of the dining room which was being set up by waiters was quite unsatisfactory. Also, the overcrowded condition of the luncheon itself was quite bad.

APOLOGY

The Directors wish to apologize to any who came to the hotel in Lexington on November 11 but were not able to find seats to hear the address which followed the luncheon - and especially to those who bought tickets to the luncheon but could not be served in the dining room. If anyone lost money, please write to Mrs. Houston and the matter will be investigated. It is certainly not the wish of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries that anyone should be so treated at any of our meetings or luncheons. Probably the reason for the confusion was that some people bought their tickets very late and no tables were set up for them. Plans have already been made to avoid such difficulties in the future.

On the last page of this Newsletter, you will find a brief outline of Dr. Allen's luncheon address - a fine, timely one it was!

Report on Scholarships

Scholarship students continued
from last year:

- 1. Miss Judy Calhoun
- 2. Miss Kathleen Reynolds
University of Kentucky
Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Scholarship students new
this year

- 3. Mr. Bill Bolte
Austin College, Clarksville, Tenn.
- 4. Miss Becky Shrewsbury
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Ky.

- On scholarship loan
- 5. Miss Linda Williams
John F. Kennedy Memorial Library
West Liberty, Ky. (Attending U. of K., Prestonsburg)

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Quotation from article "The Arts, the Humanities, and the Federal Government" by Roger L. Stevens, Chairman, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities, Washington, D. C., in the October American Library Association Bulletin -

"Let us hope that the present surge of interest in the arts in the United States will become neither a religion nor merely a new product for the marketplace. Possibly this new awareness of the arts will help us achieve the great potential of our civilization.

"In 1924, D. H. Lawrence ended his book on America with a cryptic remark: 'The only riches, the great souls.' Let us hope that this new celebration of the arts in America will further liberate those great souls.

"Those of you who are librarians have both the opportunity and the responsibility to help in that liberation, for as the keepers of our books you are a favored people in whose custody the riches of the world's literature have been placed."

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(Notes on Address by Dr. Lawrence Allen at Luncheon given by Friends of Kentucky Libraries, Trustees of Kentucky Libraries and the Public Library Section of KLA, November 11, 1966 at a Meeting of the Kentucky Library Association.)

The following ten characteristics will influence future growth of libraries in Kentucky:

1. Emphasis on education in colleges, etc., and increased number of colleges and other educational institutions in the state.
2. Continuing education on the part of librarians. (Even the librarian with a degree will need refresher courses because of the rapid rate of change, today.)
3. The great information explosion! ("Never before in the history of the world have so many books been printed and so much information been made available.")
4. Cooperation is necessary. All types of libraries must work together as a unit.
5. The influence of the growth of mass media will be more and more felt.
6. The managerial revolution will be more and more felt.
7. Automation has already struck the library!
8. Growth of specialization means there is greater need for special types of material, of libraries (medical, musical, etc.) with new inter-communication systems to make information instantly available from one to another.
9. Scientific knowledge has had an explosion during the last ten years and now the pendulum swings back toward the humanities.
10. A great consideration is the extremely rapid rate of change in every field.

Summary: It is imperative that all libraries work together!

What strengths do I see in Kentucky upon which to build?

1. Dedication - the basic attitude for a true librarian. (We have a really dedicated state librarian.)
2. Timing is important and the time is ripe for something to be done.
3. We are now on a library and education "binge" such as has never before existed.
4. The creation of regional systems is necessary. (This has been started.)
5. The professional associations now in existence are of great importance.
6. Library schools are important. Those we have need upgrading by having more and better teachers so that they may keep up with the rapid changes.

Cooperation at the state level -

1. All libraries should function and work together.
2. It is necessary to develop a master plan for the state, including all libraries. Members of the legislature, Friends of Kentucky Libraries, all organizations and citizens, must participate in developing this plan.
3. This plan must be highly publicized.
4. Everything in the library must eventually end in the hands of the individual reader.
5. Clearly stated standards must be established - of the type of service to be rendered.
6. A survey of work we are to do must be made now - before we start.
7. Financial development must appear in the plan - on the local and state level. Where does the Federal Government fit in?
8. The plan must be implemented at different stages and each stage must be evaluated.

"Think of the library as the People's University."