FRIENDS OF THE BROOKS LIBRARY
Board Meeting
February 10, 2010

Present: Dale Comstock, Charles McGehee, Boris Kovalerchuk, Robert Jones, Katharine Whitcomb, Phil Tolin (Interim Dean of the Library)
Absent: Eleanor Trujillo

As the first item of business, Chair Heckart asked if the Board wanted to continue to hold two general meetings per year. For the last two meetings, attendance has been low, and the question arises if a general meeting is the best way to advertise the library and the work that it does. The chair shared with board members ideas for arousing interest in and donations to the library from other Friends' organizations. Board members agreed that in the future one general meeting might be advisable. Katharine Whitcomb suggested that the Friends team up with the Lion Rock visiting author series and gain exposure for the library in that way. She will ask the group responsible for the Lion Rock series if it is willing to cooperate with us in the winter quarter of 2011.

Since the new Dean of the Library, Pat Cutright, will assume her duties on April 1, there was agreement among the Board members that we have a spring meeting this year in May and invite the new dean to make some remarks. A discussion ensued as to whether to continue to hold the meeting at Rodeo City Bar-B-Q. The chair will contact Wellington's and Bar 14 to see if a luncheon meeting at either one of those establishments will be feasible.

Chair Heckart reported that the FOL Endowment Fund currently amounts to $112,000. During the next several weeks, she will be contacting philanthropic foundations in pursuit of grants to augment the Fund. There was also discussion about adding to the newsletter's mailing list so as to increase information about the benefits of the library among alumni and the general public. Because an increase in the names on the mailing list will raise the costs of the newsletter, Board members suggested that additional names of targeted alumni be added only once a year. That way, we will contain costs but still reach, at least once a year, a wider public.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Heckart, Chair