FRIENDS OF THE BROOKS LIBRARY
Board Meeting
June 21, 2011, Dean's Office Conference Room

Present: Dale Comstock, Robert Jones, Boris Kovalarchuk, Eleanor Trujillo, Katharine Whitcomb, Beverly Heckart, Patricia Cutright ex officio

Absent: Charles McGehee

Beverly announced that the fall book sale will be held on November 1 and 2. She asked if there would be any problems with extending the sale into the evening hours, at least up until 7:30 p.m. Mary Wise, library faculty who helps with the sale, foresees none, and Dean Cutright has no objections. Dale suggested that the sale on November 1 begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m. On November 2 the sale would revert to the previous hours of 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Boris suggested that a good place to hold the sale, because it is the major gathering place for students on campus, is the Student Union. Beverly will check with the Union's administration to see if it can supply a room to store books at no charge, from which the annual book sale could be launched.

Last year's book sale yielded $815.93, and January's wine-tasting produced $441.50 each for the Friends and for the Lion Rock Visiting Writers series. Donations, resulting from appeals through the Newsletter, totaled $2335 for the fiscal year 2010-11. The Endowment Fund, as of May 31, 2011, contained $118,279. This year the Foundation will also distribute earnings to the library.

Beverly asked for good fund-raising ideas apart from the book sale and the Newsletter. At least one other Friends of an academic library cooperate with the Athletics Department in appealing for funds at one game a year. Dean Cutright pointed out that the library has entered into a formal tutoring arrangement for Central's athletes, so that the Athletics Department might be willing to help us out. Beverly will visit with Jack Bishop to see if something can be worked out.

Katharine Whitcomb will also approach the committee of the President's Lecture Series to see if funds from at least one event during the next academic year can be shared, once again, between the Friends and the Lion Rock Visiting Writers Series.

The three-year terms of Dale Comstock, Eleanor Trujillo and Beverly Heckart expire in fall, 2011. Eleanor and Beverly agreed to serve once again, and Dale said he would serve another term only if no one else can be found to do so.

Dean Cutright announced that the Brooks Library has hired an archivist, who will begin
working on September 1, and the search for a Technology Librarian is in its final stages. Two non-faculty positions in ITS and Government Documents will also be filled soon. If funds are available for building alterations, the circulation desk will move to the space currently occupied by the computer lab, in order to make the library more functional for its users.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Heckart, Chair