Friends of the Library Board Meeting Sept. 15, 2010

Becky Megerian, new Chair of the Board, introduces herself followed by intros around the table.

Attendees: Barry Miller, Kimberly Lutz, Rosann Bazirjian, Carol Cone Douglas, Tom Kirby-Smith, Nancy Fuller, Barbara Walser, LauraTew, Sandy Hildebolt, Howard Covington, Bob Gentry, Brandon Bensley, Rosemary Roberts, Jim Schlosser, Becky Megerian, Felicia Corbett, Ned Cline, Mendy Ozan, Jeri Rowe, Pat Sevier, Linda Burr

1. **Jackson Society**
   Overview by Becky Megerian:
   - Charles Sullivan chairing subcommittee for Jackson Society
   - Membership is $1000, donation can be designated to any of several special funds w/in the Library- not just Friends of the UNCG Libraries (FOL), regular FOL membership fee is waived, not taken from the donation- all $1000 goes to designated fund
   - working on a list of people to contact, outreach
   - right now, targeting those who have given over $250
   - 400-600 individual members of FOL, depending on time of year- current count is around 515

   Discussion about this idea:

   - estimate now that at least 12 or 13 donate at that level
   - these are donations to the libraries and not just to the FOL
   - would be considered a Jackson Society gift
   - can designate where your donation goes within the library
   - see list of Endowment/Restricted Funds for the University Libraries for options
   - those who have already donated this year can add to it to reach $1000
   - must give $1000 each year to remain a member but your name stays on the plaque whether or not you give each year
   - Wall plaque goes on a Wall of Honor, by first floor elevators in Jackson Library
   - would be invited to author dinners, special events, etc.- opportunities to do things together socially
   - need to think of other ways to foster community among the group
   - possible obstacle: economy

2. **FOL 2010 Dinner evaluation**
   - good turnout, smaller event-only turnout than previous years, but great dinner turn-out
   - table sponsorships down slightly
   - made money because of Stasio's low speaker fee (only $250 in his name to local charity)
   - discussion about whether to keep speaker in same room as dinner or move to auditorium for speaker as we do now- some complaints about changing locations last

year- general feeling in room that moving to the auditorium for the speaker allows easier access for people who don't attend the dinner but want to see the speaker

3. **FOL 2011 Dinner planning**
   - Barry Miller gave an overview of progress so far- Program Committee has met once, is asking for suggestions
   - Hal Crowder and Lee Smith- suggested by Rosemary Roberts as possible speaker- they do a husband/wife presentation; Lee Smith has spoken here before, though- have never had the same speaker twice- a vote was taken to see if anyone objected to having a repeat speaker and no strong objections, especially since this is a husband/wife duo and not Lee on her own
   - Jim Schlosser may try to contact Brian Lamb- has interviewed him before, will email him this week
   - Ned Cline spoke to Kathleen Parker at one point, several months ago- not sure if he will call again- she has a new show on CNN- may be too busy now- he will email her
   - Jim, Ned will email/call author contacts in the next week and let Barry know
   - Group prefers to have the dinner in March or April rather than May, as we did it in 2010
   - 2011 date is March 24

4. **Changes to By-laws**
   - added student member without voting privileges
   - clarified term length and transition for chairs who have been re-elected
   - motion for changes was passed

5. **Upcoming programs and events overview by Barry Miller and Kimberly Lutz**
   - upcoming book talks hosted by faculty members
   - October 28: Pirate-themed event, presented with History Club
   - November 3: Peter Yarrow of Peter Paul and Mary, wrote Puff the Magic Dragon book, will perform and sign books, will be a free event, early evening for families
   - Zimmerman Vineyard outing on Sat. Oct. 16. Please RSVP to Becky Megerian via email

6. **Distribution of FOL Board Discretionary Expenses Budget info**
7. **Meeting adjourned, group photo taken**