

Society of American Archivists (SAA)
University of Tennessee chapter
Officers' Meeting
September 18, 2009
6:00 pm
via Centra

Present:

Sarah Shippy Copeland, President
Nathan Jones, Vice President
Justin Eastwood, Treasurer
Jennifer Randles, Secretary

Reports:

Advisor Report

Sarah clarified that Jennifer Beals in Special Collections is advisor for SAA.

Membership Report

5 new members: Julia Cowart, Dina Bahan, Jennifer Randles, Matthew Kirby, Susan Fanning

Treasurer's Report

Most recent bank statement as of 8/31/09 shows \$115.09. This does not include new monies and dues. With those, it will be \$171.09.

TSLA trip report

SAA sponsored trip to Tennessee State Library & Archives and Cheekwood Botanical Gardens in Nashville on Thursday, September 10. This was originally SAA's idea, but grew as other organizations and non-SAA-members showed interest. Attendance was 18 students and was a great success. Opened up ideas of practicum opportunities for students at both places. SAA is responsible for \$70 payment for the trip vans. Many thanks to the TLA officers and SIS for their support and generous contributions. Question: Do we need to use UT vans for future trips of this sort, as they are expensive?

Orientation report

There was lots of interest among first-years at the orientation session. Plan to have poster at event next year, as to attract more attention and give more information in visual way.

Decisions:

UT Libraries mixer support

Unanimous decision to give \$30 to support the libraries mixer on October 1 in the Mary Hodges Greer Room at Hodges. Nathan and Jennifer will look at current poster for SAA and re-design and/or re-print it to bring to the mixer.

Schedule of meetings

Next meeting is also first (perhaps only) meeting of Fall 2009. Dates proposed: October 7, 14. Unanimous decision to hold meeting on October 7 at lunchtime (noon). Justin suggested that on-campus students could meet up together and have lunch at the meeting. The meeting still needs to be available via Centra to serve distance students. Need to find food-friendly where centra can also be used.

Activities for rest of year

November tour of special collections with Jennifer Beals. Will be open to SAA members, plus other SIS students. Will be a tour of the areas in which they work, preservation lab. Will also address what decisions staff made while designing the space. Possible dates: Nov. 3, 9, 10, 18. Will approach SAA members to choose date and decide by email consensus.

The Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA) contacted Jennifer Beals about giving a workshop about themselves if we are interested. Unanimous decision to accept and to have J. Beals let the ACA know SAA is interested.

Nathan knows someone at Tennessee Archive of Moving Image and Sound (TAMIS) and will contact him to see about possibilities of events with them next semester. Perhaps a film screening or coordinating group to go to one of their events next semester.

Ideas for Archives Month

Discussed ideas for National Archives Month, October 2009. Theme for this year is "Celebrating the American Record". Suggestion from Justin to contact Baker Center, with whom we had a presentation on the Thompson Senatorial Papers last year, but was cancelled due to no RSVPs. Justin will ask at Baker Center and report back via email.

Jennifer suggested doing interviews via podcast or podcast(s). Sarah will contact Bryan at SETDA (Southeast Tennessee Digital Archive) for possible interview subjects. These ideas will be brought up at the next meeting of all members, where interest will be gauged and we will see if other members have graphic design or media skills and if they'd like to be more involved. Possibility of a blog in conjunction with Archives Month, but perhaps continued after that as well?

State of website/wiki

Nathan reported that he will get back to the wiki asap. Sarah will get all officers access to SIS drupal site.

What to discuss at next meeting

Outreach, PR to other organizations, schools in UTK, communities outside the university. Could continue the podcast or blog to series with individuals in archives around the state. Necessity of PR and targeting other disciplines for members, ex. History.

Special Collections visit date, ideas for National Archives Month.

Meeting adjourned.