ARLIS/NA Twin Cities Chapter
Spring Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 8, 2013
Minnesota Center for Book Arts (MCBA)
1011 Washington Ave S., Minneapolis

In attendance (11):
Laura Morlock, Chair – St. Catherine University
Jessica Shaykett, Vice Chair – American Craft Council
Bailey Diers, Secretary/Treasurer – Hennepin County Library
Margit Ahmann – St. Catherine University
Greta Bahnemann – MN Digital Library, University of Minnesota
Deborah Boudewyns – University of Minnesota
Karen Dubay – Bethel University
Amelia Foster – Forecast Public Art
Shannon Klug – University of Minnesota
Jessica McIntyre – Minneapolis Institute of Arts
Jill Vuchitich – Walker Art Center

Visiting (6):
Jennifer Adam – St. Catherine University
Dulcey Heller – American Craft Council & Hennepin County Library
Leah Larson – Perpich Center
Jeff Radford – Hennepin County Library
Olga Ricalde – Minnesota Center for Book Arts
Katy Vonk – Midway Contemporary Art Gallery

Meeting commenced at 9:10 a.m. following a period of socializing and refreshments.

Opening remarks were made by Laura Morlock, chapter chair, followed by introductions and a brief update on recent activities, projects, or conference experiences from each member in attendance.

1) Minutes from 10/15/2012
Laura requested a motion on the approval of the minutes from the Fall 2012 meeting, held October 15 at St. Catherine University’s Archives. Copies of the minutes were passed around for review. Greta Bahnemann motioned to approve and Shannon Klug seconded.
2) 2012 Annual Report update and Treasurer’s Report
Laura announced that the chapter annual report was submitted in March, written by Christy Dent. Laura went on to summarize the sections of the report which included the activities completed in 2012 (meetings, website redesign, review and revision of chapter bylaws, and the book club) as well as future projects the chapter hopes to accomplish (workshop learning opportunities and group-wide arts resources brochure).

The full report and reports from other chapters can be viewed on the ARLIS/NA website at http://www.arlisna.org/organization/admindocs/annreports/annreports_index.html

Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer, was asked to elaborate on the book club activities from the past year. She announced a successful book club meeting in February, for which members read Christopher Moore’s Sacré Bleu: A Comedy d’Art. It was decided at the book club meeting that book clubs would be held biannually and would include a non-fiction selection in the early fall or late summer and fiction selection in late winter or early spring.

Bailey then reported the income and expenditures for 2012 and stated the current balance of the chapter checking account to be $556.69.

3) Website updates–call for featured member/library and internship list
Bailey summarized the recent additions to the website including the events page, featured member, and internships list, reminding members how they can contribute. Slips of paper were sent around for members to nominate themselves or others to be featured on the membership page of the website.

4) Discussion of fall workshop
Jessica Shaykett, Vice Chair, stated that at the October meeting it was suggested we host a workshop of some sort to provide professional development opportunities. She described a digital archiving workshop that was presented to MINITEX last fall and suggested it would be a good course for ARLIS/NA members. Jessica said she talked with Frances Lloyd-Baynes at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts who agreed to teach a session to the chapter. Bailey asked for a raise of hands for those who would be interested in attending such a workshop and about half of the members expressed interest. Greta talked about her experience doing the online workshop through MINITEX last fall and said the workshop is great for those who have little to no experience with digital preservation. Jessica agreed to look into it more and send a survey to members for more feedback.
5) Pasadena Conference silent auction donation ideas
Laura explained that the Pasadena Conference Silent Auction is still in need of contributions. Bailey and Greta described some of the items that have already been contributed and discussed what the silent auction committee is seeking and possible items that could be contributed by the Twin Cities Chapter. Local specialties are always a hit and since the theme of the conference is Crafting Our Future, it was suggested we contribute hand-crafted pieces. The following members volunteered to donate an item to the “basket”:

- Greta Bahnemann: quilted wall hanging,
- Jennifer Adam: cards of paintings of summit ave
- Jessica Shaykett: embroidered hankie
- Karen Dubay: quilted pot holder
- Dulcy Heller: beaded rock
- Leah Larson: knit item

Jessica said she would be the point person for donations and would complete the form to send to the Pasadena committee.

6) St. Kate’s Job Fair volunteers or ideas
Laura announced the Job Fair at St. Catherine University, which is to be held at the end of April. Bailey will be representing the chapter at the event and she put out a call for additional volunteers or ideas for what should be highlighted for the students. Margit Ahmann said the internship roster is great for students, Greta said tours allow students to learn about places and spaces and get built-in networking, Amelia Foster said the chapter allows for learning about professional opportunities and not just for current librarians. Bailey asked if a handout would be a good idea and Greta suggested a bookmark. It was agreed that a bookmark would be an excellent idea.

7) Upcoming meetings and events
Laura mentioned the tentative locations and dates of next two meetings: August 5 at the new Macalester College Fine Arts Student Center and October 7 at the Midway Contemporary Art Gallery in NE Minneapolis.

Margit announced that she would be attending this year’s Summer Educational Institute (SEI) and asked if others had attended. Jessica Shaykett said she had attended a few years ago. Margit described the visual resources and image management program, which is a joint effort between
ARLIS/NA and the Visual Resources Association (VRA). SEI 2013 will be held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in June.

The business meeting concluded at 9:45 a.m.

Tour of the Minnesota Center for Book Arts
Following the business meeting, Margit Ahmann provided a tour of MCBA studios and library. Margit, who is a cooperative member of MCBA, explained the structure of the organization and showed us printing presses, the papermaking studio, the printing studio, the lead/wood type room, and the library, which was further explained by library volunteer Olga Ricalde.

Following Margit’s lovely tour, Tracy Dietzel, MCBA Exhibitions Manager, led us through the exhibition "Stellar: Book Art and the Cosmos". Members had time after to continue looking at the exhibition and other small exhibits throughout the building, as well as wander through the gift shop.

Respectfully submitted,

Bailey Diers