Methodist Librarians’ Fellowship

The Methodist Librarians’ Fellowship meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm, Friday June 15, 2007 at the Philadelphia Doubletree Hotel, by Jennifer Woodruff Tait. Thirty-one people were in attendance. The minutes were approved as appeared in the 2006 proceedings. Linda Umoh reported that there is approximately $1500 in the checking account and $2257.67 in the CD, which was renewed April 25, 2007.

Andy Keck, Web Master, reported that there is nothing new to report with the listserv. All attendees who signed in and gave an email address will be added to the Methodist Librarians listserv.

No elections are needed this year.

Andy Keck read a resolution for the retirement of Al Caldwell, and Linda Umoh read one for Page Thomas. Page responded with a few words.

Under old business, Jennifer thanked those who had helped with and participated in the service in the Methodist tradition that morning.

Library news was shared.

Under new business, Michael Boddy asked there were bibliographic projects that still needed attention, such as those done by Ken Rowe in the past. Ken asked if any one was willing to continue the Methodist Union Catalog bibliography, as there are materials not yet available in databases. Roger Loyd moved that a committee be formed to see what information Ken still has, what are some technological ways that this can be done, and what costs will be involved. Steve Perisho seconded. Chris Anderson, Page Thomas, Andy Grant and Jane Elder volunteered to be on this committee. Ken Rowe will assist. They are charged to post a detailed report, including the above information, on the Methodist Librarians’ listserv by Dec. 2007.

Ken Rowe also suggested that there are still Methodist agency reports that have not been catalogued. Michael Boddy will take suggestions of other projects that need to be done, compile a list, and post it on the listserv.

Jennifer brought up the problem of conflicts with the scheduled meeting times for denominational groups. It is usually at the end of the day, only one hour is allowed, and often there are other activities which cut into the meeting time. Jennifer will talk to the conference committee about these conflicts to see what some other options might be. Increased activity on the listserv could be useful in justifying our concerns.

Jane Elder moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ken Rowe seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Submitted by Linda Umoh, Secretary