The Methodist Librarians’ Fellowship met at 4:30 p.m. on Friday June 21, 2008 in Ottawa, Canada. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Michael Boddy. 22 members were present.

The minutes of the 2007 meeting were approved. Linda Umoh reported that there is $1530.96 in the checking account and $2337.27 in the CD.

Library news was shared.

Discussion about Ken Rowe’s project (The Methodist Union Catalog bibliography) continued from last meeting. Michael asked if there were other projects that should be attended to, and if these should be done as a group, or maybe as a dissertation topic or as article topics.

Beth Shepherd is interested in a set of digitized disciplines. This brought up discussion of digitization in general whether projects should be handled as a group or individually. Another suggestion for digitization was the Georgia Harkness collection. Chris Anderson mentioned that the UMC has plans in the works to digitize disciplines. Pat Graham brought up that the disciplines of the MEC, South are all on microfilm. He also mentioned that there are some Methodist materials already digitized. There was further discussion about ways to make these resources more useful. Responsibilities should be divided and shared. Possible sources of funding could be their Board of Higher Education of the UMC, or a Lilly Grant.

Smaller projects could be locating disciplines or bibliographies of smaller sections of the Methodist church. John Baker Batzel’s “Union list of Methodist Serials” is available online at the General Commission on Archives and History. Other things could also reside on their resource page. Chris and Mike will write up some ideas and post them on the listserv. Pat will explore costs involved in digitizing the disciplines. Pat Ziebart and Paul Burnam will explore ways of tagging.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by
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