The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The minutes of the 6 June 1999 annual meeting were approved as submitted.

**President’s Report.** President Norman P. Lasca reviewed some of the year’s highlights.

- Friends website is up via the Golda Meir Library's page
- Joint memberships with the UWM Alumni Association: hope to come to closure this summer on jointly beneficial cooperative arrangements.
- Contacted Guild for Learning in Retirement regarding joint programs
- Chancellor met with the Friends Board members regarding the Milwaukee Idea and other aspects of UWM’s plans for development in the next few years.
- Friends Book Sales raised $6,281.00 for the Library
- Friends sponsorship included:
  - American Geographical Society Collection's Academic Adventurers faculty lecture series
  - Holzheimer Lecture on Maps and America
  - Book Forums: three events
  - Partial costs of an original video on James Farmer in support of the Fromkin Lecture
  - Money for folders and book bags
- By-laws – several changes are presented under New Business (below)

**Treasurer’s Report.** The beginning balance for the year was $37,670.72. The ending balance for the year was $44,231.80. The Development Committee is making plans for future fund raising.

**Library Director’s Report.** Peter Watson-Boone reported that for the first time in 10 years, increased funds for acquisitions were received from the State. He thanked the Friends who campaigned for increased funding. The American Geographical Society Collection card catalogue is going on-line. Our Slovenian connection has been established and resulted in an exchange agreement between their national library and Golda Meir Library. The Slovenian Ethnomusicological Archives project will make a copy available for our collection of their scores. A piece of music has been commissioned from a Slovenian composer. During the Spring a visiting Slovenian librarian assisted with cataloging our Slovenian music holdings.
Watson-Boone also announced that the new Provost is John Wanat of the University of Illinois, Chicago. He offered thanks and appreciation to the Friends for the exhibit at the meeting and assisting with sponsorship of the Book Sale event.

**Committee Reports.**

**Communications.** Gil Church reported that members recommended that the Friends consider organizing as a small group of committed members rather than as a large group (including those who only want a Library borrowing card).

**Nominating.** Ed Hinshaw presented a slate of nominees for 2000/01. There were no further nominations from the floor. It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that the nominees be elected. Officers elected were as follows: Norman Lasca, President through June 2001; Bruce Fetter, Vice President through June 2002; Barry Silberg Treasurer through June 2001; and Lois Blinkhorn, secretary through June 2002.

**Programs.** Lois Blinkhorn listed the programs planned by the committee

- Tonight's program -- The Past is Now with Prof. James Hazard of UWM
- Book Sale
- Tours of the Library

**New Business.**

**Revisions to the Friends By-laws.** The following amendments were proposed.

**Article V: The Board of Directors**

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the four (4) officers of the Friends (see Article VI); the Past President, sixteen (16) Directors at large elected by the membership; two(2) Directors appointed by the UWM Alumni Association; one (1) Director appointed by the UWM Foundation; and two (2) ex officio, nonvoting members as follows: the Director of the UWM Library and the Chair of the University Library Committee.

**Section 4.** The term of office for a Director at large shall be 4 years. The terms of one-quarter of the elected Directors shall expire each year. The Past President shall serve a two-year term renewable if the current president is reelected.

**Section 5.** Any Director may seek reelection at the expiration of his/her first term. Directors may only serve two consecutive terms, and must be off the Board for four years before they may be re-appointed.

**Section 7.** The President, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the Chairs and members of the standing committees and the Chairs and members of any ad hoc committees as may seem appropriate. Non-members may not be a majority. The standing committees of the Board shall be: Communications, Development, Programs, and Nominating. The Chair of each committee will deliver a report of the committee's activities at each Annual Meeting of the Friends.
Section 9. All Board members, following completion of their service on the Board, shall be invited to become directors emeriti for one year, and shall receive notification and agendas of Board meetings.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to amend the by-laws as proposed.

Presentation of Certificate to Outgoing Board Members. Recipients included Lolita Schneiders, Kit Basquin, and Clayborn Benson III.

Transfer of Funds. It was moved and seconded that $3027.66 from the recent Friends Of the Library Book Sale be transferred to the Library; motion passed unanimously.

Funding Request. The meeting considered a letter from Watson-Boone asking for continued Friends support for:

- Funding for staff development activities $3000
- Cosponsorships for the following events:
  - Academic adventures $1800
  - Book FOR[u]Ms $1200
  - Holzheimer Lecture $400

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that a total of $6,400 in support of library activities and events be transferred to the Library.

Adjournment. The business meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. Lois Blinkhorn introduced the program for the evening, The Past is Now featuring Jim Hazard of the UWM Department of English. A reception followed.