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

2. The minutes of the 14 May 2002 annual meeting were approved as submitted.

3. President’s Report: President Norman P. Lasca thanked Vice-President Bruce Fetter, who stood in as Acting President while Lasca taught in London this spring. The President reviewed some of the year’s highlights. The Friends:
   - Began the second year of the *Inside Inscriptions* fundraising program, whereby bookplates with the names of honorees are placed inside new books for the UWM Libraries. This program has raised $1080 so far.
   - Conducted a tour for Friends of the Library, to show some rarely-seen “treasures.”
   - Established a UW System Trust Fund account.
   - Allocated up to $7500 towards the publication of a book on John Downey entitled *John Downey: A Creative Profile* by Sister Marion Verhaalen.
   - Identified changes needed to the By-laws, which will be presented under New Business.

The Friends financial support included:
- American Geographical Society Collection’s *Academic Adventurers* faculty lecture series
- Book Forums: three events on “‘Trick or Treat’: Books that Delight, Surprise and Engage”
- *Revisiting our Past* lecture by Bob Buege: “The Birthplace of the American League”
- An illustrated lecture on the Yemen by Board member Gilbert Church

As of June 2003, Friends membership totals 413.

The Friends’ November 2002 and April 2003 book sales raised $6,400 for the Library. Lasca thanked Lois Blinkhorn and her Program Committee members for organizing the book sale and planning today’s program. He also thanked volunteers and library staff who assisted with the book sales and programs, and Friends members who contributed time and energy to the Friends activities.

Lasca also thanked Board members for their unselfish contribution of hours and active support over the years. Finally, he thanked Library Director Peter Watson-Boone and Associate Library Director Ewa Barczyk, along with the library staff, for working
together with the Friends to increase community awareness of the Library and its resources, and for adding much to the intellectual life on the UWM campus.

4. Treasurer’s Report: The cash balance increased slightly from last year. Beginning cash balance was $52,010.08; ending cash balance, $52,943.28. Friends’ funds, including trust funds, totaled $86,363.66, as of June 6, 2003. There was a motion to approve the 2002/03 report, which was seconded and carried unanimously.

5. Library Director’s Report: Watson-Boone thanked the Friends' President and Vice-President for their leadership this past year, and thanked the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and membership for sponsorship of library events, the Friends’ own programs, and funding provided for professional development. He also thanked the Friends for the funds raised in past book sales, totaling over $41,000 since 1992. The Friends involvement in the forthcoming Capital Campaign will be highly important; the Libraries have already identified naming and endowment opportunities. A key addition to the staff this year is the new Development Director, Susan Modder. Noted with regret an anticipated 4 to 5% reduction in budget for 2003/04, as well as the cancellation of a number of journals in Fall 2002. Reported that the technical highpoint of the year was the introduction of a coordinated catalog search, covering all UW Libraries. Other highlights include the creation of two digital collections: *Milwaukee Repertory Theater Photographic History* and *Transportation Around the World: 1911-1993*; publication of *The Shape and Color of Research*; acquisition of the late Lloyd Barbee’s book collection, a University of Kansas professor’s collection of Chinese maps, and two rare maps of South America from Friends Board member Patricia Van Alyea; and completion of a commissioned piece of music from a Slovenian composer. The restoration, preservation, and cataloging of the WTMJ-TV news film collection continues at a steady pace, thanks to several substantial grants awarded to the project. Watson-Boone, who will retire at the end of July, expressed delight in the Friends’ accomplishments, and appreciation for the privilege of working with the organization. He wished the Friends continued success.

Schreiber asked about the impact of budget reduction on the Libraries. Watson-Boone said cuts will be distributed proportionally among acquisitions, personnel, and operating costs. Hours will be maintained, but specific department hours may be cut, and processing of books will be delayed. Fetter suggested the Friends could assist the Libraries with seed money for grants.

6. Nomination Committee Report: Blinkhorn moved adoption of a slate of nominees for 2003/04; Murphy seconded adoption. There were no further nominations from the floor. It was carried unanimously that the nominees be elected. Officers elected to two-year terms were as follows: Bruce Fetter, President; Rabbi Barry Silberg, Treasurer. Patricia Van Alyea was elected to a one-year term as Vice-President. Gilbert Church, Tyrone Dumas, and Lolita Schneiders were elected to four-year terms on the Board; Martine Meyer to a three-year term; Alderman Michael Murphy, Deborah Gardner Conta, and Robert Meldman to two-year terms; and Timothy Sheehy to a one-year term.

7. Old Business: No old business to report.
8. New Business
   A. Lasca called for authorization to transfer book sale receipts to the Libraries; it was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

   B. Lasca called for a motion to accept the proposed revision of the by-laws, which updates name changes; removes language about family memberships; reflects the creation of a new trust account; restricts expenditures by the Executive Committee to less than 10% of the Friends’ total assets; and specifies that a Treasurer’s report shall be given at each regular meeting of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors, and at the Annual Meeting. Schreiber moved that expenditures be made with the approval of both the Executive Committee and the Committee chairs (Article IV, Section 2, C); the motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The by-laws revisions, with Schreiber’s recommendation, were seconded and approved unanimously.

   C. Lasca called for a motion to accept the Library Director’s request for $6265 to help with the costs associated with Library events such as Academic Adventurers, Book For[u]ms, Revisiting our Past, and staff development activities; it was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

9. Fetter thanked Lasca for his long and successful tenure as Friends President, and presented Lasca, on behalf of the Friends, with a certificate of appreciation and a rare 1855 map of the Arctic region.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.