

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the Dreiser Society

American Literature Association, San Francisco, CA
Friday, May 28, 2010, at 8:00 AM

1. Roark Mulligan called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.
2. Society Officers: Donna Campbell will become president after the business meeting; it was moved, seconded, and approved that Gary Totten be elected as vice-president and Roark Mulligan as Secretary-Treasurer. Thanks were expressed to Roark for his outstanding service as Society president during the past two years.
3. Announcements:
 - a. Roark Mulligan's edition of *The Financier* is now available from the U of Illinois P (Dreiser Edition).
 - b. The Penn Online Primary and Secondary Bibliography of Theodore Dreiser, updated by Donald Pizer, Stephen Brennan, and Gary Totten, is now available at the following address:
<http://sceti.library.upenn.edu/DreiserBib/>
 - c. A link on the Dreiser Web Source page at UPenn will also provide access to the bibliography:
<http://www.library.upenn.edu/collections/rbm/dreiser/>
4. The question was raised about whether we need to re-register as a 501(c)3 organization. The following website seems to indicate that we do not (since we already have registered):
<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=96109,00.html>
5. Gary has the tax-exempt forms that were passed along to him from Donna Packer-Kinlaw, including the Employee Identification Number for the Dreiser Society. He will pass these documents to Roark.
6. We will need to send a renewal notice for *Studies in American Naturalism*/Dreiser Society dues. Gary will send the email in the next few weeks.
7. It was suggested that we invite people to join the Dreiser Society when they are accepted for panels and when their work is accepted for publication in *SAN*.
8. Gary provided a brief treasurer's report. As of April 30, 2010, the Society's checking account balance is \$2,386.68.
9. We discussed a possible conference in 2011 for the centennial of *Jennie Gerhardt*. After discussion about the time and expense involved in the planning and holding of such a conference (as well as the shrinking travel budgets that most scholars now face), it was moved, seconded, and approved that we schedule a panel on *Jennie Gerhardt* for ALA 2011. Jim West was suggested as a possible respondent for the session. It was also decided that we should hold a reception at the ALA conference, in honor of the *Jennie Gerhardt* centennial and the twentieth anniversary of the Dreiser Society in 2011. We will invite Miriam Gogol and Fred Rusch to the reception, as well as the members of the other naturalist author societies. We will need to check with Alfred Bendixen about the logistics of scheduling such a reception at ALA.
10. Looking ahead, *The Financier* centennial is approaching in 2012.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM.

--Respectfully submitted by Gary Totten