

# Friends of the Town & Country Public Library

## Minutes of the September 8, 2016 Annual Membership meeting

Executive Vice President, Joan Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Directors in attendance: Bill Grabarek, Robert Harford, Jack Shallberg and Joan Hansen. Lori Crimmins arrived late. Directors absent: Tania Miller and Pat Shuberg. Attending on behalf of the Library was Kathy Semrick, Circulation Manager. Friends members present: Stephanie Butler, Jacqui Fountain and Alan Guthke.

Joan asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2016. Bill moved to accept the minutes and Robert seconded. All present approved minutes.

Bill Grabarek, Treasurer, reported the balance in our checking account today is **\$3,868.04**. A detailed treasurer's report from September 10, 2015 to September 8, 2016 was presented. Joan asked for a motion to approve the annual treasurer's report. Jack moved to accept the treasurer's report and Robert seconded. All present approved the report.

Robert made a motion that we donate **\$3,500** to the library. Lori seconded. All present approved.

Lori motioned that we support the library in the coming year with: \$125 donation to their annual Gingerbread workshop; \$400 to the annual Fox Valley Literacy Trivia Bee and \$300 to the Dewey Dash for food and prizes. Al seconded the motion and all present approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership** Robert Harford, chairperson, said 25 people are registered. The new membership registration procedures at the annual Friends Book Sale Preview night were successful. There are 63 names on the membership register. Robert will contact others who may still be interested in renewing their membership. Current total of membership dollars is \$245.00. .

**Publicity** Joan reported that we had minimal newspaper publicity for the Elburn Days book sale as the Kane County Chronicle went digital earlier this year and purchased the Elburn Herald. Both newspapers are published once a week. Tracy Leach of the Elburn Chamber sent email blasts to members as well as mention at Chamber monthly meetings. Mini-flyers were given to Paisano's to put on pizza boxes.

**Hospitality** Joan reported that the Saturday Coffee Bar continues to be a good hospitality gathering place.

**Fundraising** Joan reported:

**Flower/Plant 13<sup>th</sup> annual Mother's Day** weekend sale sold 150.25 dozen flowers and plants + 58 hanging baskets. Online pre-ordering was very popular. We raised \$3,900 including the Spring Garden raffle of \$244.

**Elburn Days Book Sale:** It was disappointing to take in \$2,100. We continue to make several hundred dollars less each year. There was considerable discussion as to whether we would have a book sale next year. It takes considerable effort to do this event. We have an aging small core group of volunteers. Some recommendations are to no longer take donations of unsold books from neighboring libraries or withdrawn books from our library. Our library is weeding out 30% of their collection. Karen Flamand, Technical Services, will separate withdrawn books that she believes we could sell and make them available for Al to add to our collection. In light of some members wanting to have a book sale and some who do not, we

agreed to table our decision of whether or not to have a 2017 book sale during Elburn Days to our March 17, 2017 meeting.

Jacqui heard several comments about the definition of "trade" paperbacks. She suggested we say "large" instead of trade on our pricing information which we will do.

We will consider other possible areas by the book nook and coffee bar that more shelving to display books for sale would be feasible.

Al presented a list of Friends items stored in the garage. He will proceed with the removal of items we no longer want.

**High-Lights 2015-2016:** Joan prepared the high-lights from this fiscal year. Copies will be given to library board members at their regular meeting Monday, September 8. We raised \$9,075. We missed the \$2,500 from Kohl's that was received the past few years for their employees volunteering at the Dewey Dash.

**2017 Page A Day Book Lover's calendar.** Joan reported that 30 calendars have been delivered and 20 have been given to the library for the homebound patrons as a Christmas gift from Friends.

**Library:** Kathy Semrick represented the library. A new APP, **TCPLD** will be available this week for patrons to check out books and monitor their account. The APP can be added to Smart phones and tablets.

The library is conducting a Needs Assessment study for potential expansion/remodeling of our library. Results of the study are expected at the October library board meeting.

**Miscellaneous:** A photo was taken of us presenting Kathy with our check of \$3,500 to the library. Joan will submit it to KCC in hopes of publicity for the library.

Bill advised us of a new website about the village of Elburn; Next Door, Inc. It's a community blog.

**Election of Officers:** Tania Miller has resigned as Secretary. Pat volunteered to be Secretary for the remainder of Tania's term, 2017. Jack does not want to be director for another term..

By unanimous acclamation, the following directors/officers were elected: Pat Schuberg, two years.

There being no further business, Lori moved to adjourn, seconded by Jacqui..

The meeting adjourned at 8.16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hansen, Acting Secretary

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 16, 2017; 7 PM.