

Friends of the Town and Country Public Library
Minutes of January 8, 2009
Board of Directors

- 1) **Call to Order:** Bill Grabarek called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Directors Present: Bill Grabarek, Joan Hansen, Lori Crimmins, Concetta Hedrick, Judy Hinger-Borucki, Stacy Groesch, Jack Hedrick. Others Present: Ivanka Grabarek, Dorothy Hanson, Sharon Kryszak, Tania Miller, Marilyn Stamp, Marianne Moye and new member Marion Simpson; Kathy Semrick, Library Circulation & Cathy Korthals, Adult Services.
- 3) **Additions/Changes to the agenda:** None
- 4) **Approval of Minutes Nov. 13, 2008:** no changes. Lori C. moved, Joan H seconded.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Submitted by Lori Crimmins. Reported a current balance of \$2811.57.
- 6) **Membership:** Stacy G. reported 31 new member fee reminders went out; many have paid. Approximately 81 total members
- 7) **Finance:** None
- 8) **Hospitality:** Judy H. reported serving approximately 90 patrons at the Coffee bar since the Nov. Meeting. Judy has resigned as Coffee bar coordinator due to other commitments; however she is still an active volunteer of Friends and plans to work as a reporter for the Newsletter. We are all very grateful for all her dedication, hard work and making it possible for scheduling to be on-line. A new coordinator and/or several schedulers are needed to fill this position as soon as possible. Responsibilities may be shared on a monthly or quarterly basis. Sharon K. agreed to schedule Feb/March volunteers. Please let Judy or Joan H. know if you are interested in this valuable volunteer position(s).
- 9) **Publicity:** Joan H. said the 2 holiday raffle winners were listed in today's Elburn Herald. Cathy K. noticed them in the Trib local and Chronicle as well. Dwayne N. took photos of the Craft Workshop last week held for 42 children.
- 10) **Fundraising:** Stacy G researched the "Cookbook" idea further. This was a suggestion from Joe K at a former meeting. She located a company that can put it all together for us. It can include up to 150 recipes; can sell for a price with at least a \$3.00 profit per book with a total profit possibility of up to \$2,000. Recipes may be collected w/a link on a website or handed out in person from Friends, Library Staff, Patrons, Firefighters, Chamber of Commerce, Homemakers group, etc... Marilyn S. will post a notice on the bulletin board. Lori suggested selling them by Mother's Day. We can tie the cookbook into the library's 80th Anniversary with a dedication page, etc... Stacy will meet with a few Friends to make plans. Anyone interested in assisting in this effort, please let Stacy or Joan H. know. There will be a deposit required, and per Bill G., we will need to reserve some funds for this purpose. All agreed to go ahead with further planning for the 80th Anniversary Library Cookbook.
- 11) **Plant Sale Idea: May 8 & 9** In addition to the plants, "Friends" can prepare a simple raffle basket including gardening supplies as another fundraiser suggested by Marilyn S. Per Bill G. we will need \$2,000 for the plants to pay C.O.D.
- 12) **Comments Library Staff/Board:** Cathy Korthals thanked all involved in assisting at the Gingerbread House events. Kathy Semrick said the extra sessions really helped. There were still children on a waiting list. In future, let's think about limiting signups to patrons with library cards only. Cathy K. announced the Library Board of Directors is meeting with interested community members on Wednesday, 1/21/09, from 12:30-2:30 at the library. Lunch will be served. The purpose is to participate in a community focus group facilitated by Miriam Pollack, who is helping guide the library's strategic planning process. Individual comments made during this time will be kept in strict confidence. Please call Mary Lynn Alms, Library Director to confirm participation 630-365-2244, or email malms@elburn.lib.il.us If you plan to attend you must RSVP due to the required lunch count.
- 13) **Old Business:** A discussion was held regarding Children's Crafts becoming rather large and the need for patrons/library card holders only to attend these sessions as well. This Saturday and going forward, Dwayne N. has added a comment on the signup sheet saying "You Must be a Patron of the Town & Country Library and hold a library card to participate in the free children's crafts". Marilyn S. will continue to diligently work on the Bulletin Board.
- 14) **New Business:** 80th Anniversary Celebrations upcoming include: January-check out a DVD movie for free and get a free Package of microwave popcorn. February-check out an audio book and get a chocolate bar with raised "Watson" image. Each month during 2009 the library is doing something special!
- 15) **Other Business:** Anyone interested in running for Board Trustee? Let Bill G. know!! Exercise your right to vote April 7, 2009. Friends donated \$1,000. to library to use at their discretion; Stacy G. moved, Marianne seconded. All Agreed.

Important Dates – Mark your Calendars

2009 Meeting Dates:

March 12, May 14, July 16, September 10 (Annual), November 12.

- g) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Bill G. at 8:00 p.m. Jack H. motioned, Marilyn S. seconded.
Respectfully Submitted
Concetta Hedrick, Secretary