

**Friends of the Town and Country Public Library**  
**Minutes of May 16, 2013**  
**Board of Directors**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Joan Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Directors Present: Lori Crimmins, President; Joan Hansen, Executive Vice-President; Bill Grabarek, Treasurer; Tania Miller, Secretary; JoAnn Vanthournout. Other Members present: Pat Schuberg, Helen Harford, Ivanka Grabarek. Library Staff: Kathy Semrick, Circulation. Directors absent: Jack Shallberg.
- 3) **Additions/Changes to the agenda:** none.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes:** 3/21/13 Minutes approved. Lori C. moved; Bill G. seconded.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Submitted by Bill G. current balance as of 5/13/13 = \$13,383.94 Gross revenue through today \$8812.49 Expenses \$3286.19 Net \$5197.75. Gifts to Library at 9/13/12 & 3/21/13 meetings \$4900.00 total. Joan H. motioned to approve report/balance, JoAnn V. first and Helen H. seconded. Kohl's grants are the highest amounts for a business (\$500/volunteer/event). In the future, also Kohl's can help with stuffing bags for Dewey Dash.
- 6) **Membership:** Current membership has increased by 2. Bill will reorganize file and push for more members. In the future, use website/display plaque/ e-board (TV screen) for business sponsorships.
- 7) **Hospitality:** coffee bar going well.
- 8) **Publicity:** Spring raffle winners' picture posted on bulletin board, all 3 winners are happy with their prizes. Joan H. will send the picture to the newspaper on Friday, 5/17/13. All newspapers advertised the raffle.
- 9) **Fundraising:** The Mother's Day Plant Sale (May 10 & 11) raised \$4176.75. The 2013 spring raffle is the highest amount of money raised since it has been started. Joan H. stated the pre-order forms are filled out for next year and the garden bucket has been purchased. Calendars (Page a Day) have been ordered and will make payment in June. (The calendar delivery in July????). Book sale is August 16 & 17, Friday 9am-3pm and Saturday 9am-12pm. Friday book prices are the same prices as last year and \$3/bag or \$5/2 bag Saturday only. Preview night for members on Thursday, August 15. Book donations needed for sale fliers will be posted by June 16. Regular routine for set-up and take-down, but different end of book sale donation agency. Pat S. stated that Better World Books (It is located in Indiana) will take our unsold books. The company has book sidewalk sales thru their website (Friends will receive a percent of book sales). Pat S. talked to Cathy Marks who is a representative for BWB. The company will provide free boxes, shipping, and truck pickup, but the Friends of TCPL must pay for packing tape. After the sale, Pat S. may start packing up books on Sat. pm. Pat S. and Bill G. volunteered to work Sunday 1-5pm to pack up books. Pat S. volunteered to work Monday to help load boxes on truck along with other volunteers. Kaneville Library must pick up books by Sunday for their sale. An idea discussed that Kohl's volunteers can pack up books on Sunday and load boxes on truck on Monday after sale. Another idea for help: Boy Scouts. The Friends may need 250 boxes for shipping the books. Bill G. moved to continue with and contact BWB and Pat S. to be chairperson, and Joan H. seconded. At July meeting, more details on BWB from Pat S. The potential 2014 "Elburn" calendar of Historical Society photos was not discussed.
- 10) **Comments Library Staff/Board:** Kathy S. stated volunteers are needed for School day at the library on 6/19/13, 9am-5pm, help with crafts and snacks. Signup with Dwayne. The summer reading program will begin on 5/28/13. Adult grand prize is: 1-2 night stay at Grand Resort in Wisconsin and children grand prizes are: I-pad mini, Brookfield zoo family pass, and Raging Waves passes. The Library Volunteer Brunch is 6/2/13 from 10am-12pm, rsvp

with Lynn Alms. New idea: Scholastic Literacy Partners gives discounts for libraries, maybe give free book to each child that finishes a reading level or signups for the summer reading program, discuss with Dwayne for future summers. The 2013 Dewey Dash raised \$6000 for many library wish list items.

- 11) **Old Business:** Joan H. and Marilyn Stamp put together more Historical Society note cards, but none have sold recently. Friends did not discuss post card/bookmark idea.
- 12) **New Business:** The Friends' website, elburnfriends.org, needs a new host. Helen H. will research and report back. Robert Harford, 630-634-4555, maybe able to help with website.
- 13) **Donation to Library:** Bill G. motioned to donate \$5000.00 to the library today to be used at the library staffs' discretion. Helen H. seconded. All in favor. (After the meeting, a photo was taken for publicity purposes of the Friends donating the check to the library).
- 14) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by Joan H. and Pat S. seconded.

Respectfully Submitted  
Tania Miller, Secretary