

**Friends of the Town and Country Public Library
Minutes of September 12, 2013
Board of Directors**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Lori Crimmins called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Roll call was not done. People present at meeting: Directors Present: Lori Crimmins, President; Joan Hansen, Executive Vice-President; Bill Grabarek, Treasurer; Tania Miller, Secretary; Jack Shallberg. Other Members present: Pat Schuberg, Helen Harford, Robert Harford, Ivanka Grabarek. Library Staff: Lynn Alms, Library Director; Kathy Semrick, Circulation. Directors absent: JoAnn Vanthournout. Introductions done around the room.
- 3) **Additions/Changes to the agenda:** Fundraising and Donation added. Hospitality, Publicity, Old Business, and New Business omitted.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes:** 7/11/13 Friends minutes. Joan H. moved; Helen H. seconded.
- 5) **Highlights of Annual Activities and Volunteer Opportunities:** Submitted by Joan H.
 - a.) Robert H. is the official webmaster for the Friends of the T. and C. Public Library website.
 - b.) Elburn and Countryside Community Center has "help yourself" racks for adult books and a bookcase for children books (restocks itself).
 - c.) Elburn Train Station patrons continue to use a lot of books (consistently needs restocking every 2-3 weeks).
 - d.) Second set of notecards are planned using the same paper and pictures of Elburn houses.Friends Highlights handout and Future Friends meetings handout were given.
- 6) **Treasurer's Report:** Submitted by Bill G. Current balance as of 9/12/13 = \$3,998.58 Previous balance \$4,571.45 Gross revenue through today \$13,631.09 Expenses \$3,753.96 Net \$14,448.58 Gifts to Library \$10,450.00 total. Motion to approve the report and balance were not done. Two handouts about 2013, 2012, and 2011 finances were given.
- 7) **Membership:** Submitted by Bill G. New membership prices started on Preview Night. Annual memberships start and end on Preview Night (August) because it is easier to track membership. A 3 month grace period for joining early. 8/15/13 Preview Night was a larger attendance, so a higher amount of paying members. Current membership: 48 (regular paying members) + 2 life members (free) = 50. OR 37 units (individual or family). All members can vote at annual meeting. Membership has increased from 40 to 50.
- 8) **Fundraising:** Submitted by Pat S. about the 2013 Elburn Days end of sale book disposal. The volunteer crew worked quickly on Sunday (1-1.5 hours): making boxes, packing up books, and taping boxes closed. 105 boxes of books were packed. The volunteers were the Boy Scouts that meet at the Elburn Community Church and the scout master is Matt Linden. Lori C. stated she will send a Thank You note to the Boy Scouts. Next year, need 6-8 Boy Scouts (10-18 yr.) and dads to help with packing books on Sunday and Monday (good community service hours). On Monday, the crew moved the boxes to the curb. The truck arrived at 2:30 pm, the driver loaded boxes on pallets, shrink-wrapped boxes, and loaded on truck. We have extra boxes for the rest of the year (need 6 packed boxes for pickup). Textbooks can go to Africa. The Better World Books, BWB, has received the books and has sent Pat S. a report on sales summary, inventory summary, and environmental information. Pat S made extra copies for everyone.
- 9) **Comments Library Staff/Board:** Submitted by Lynn A. Circulation has decreased, but ebooks have increased. The Library Board of Trustees has 3 new members. Several important dates are coming up: December 6, 5-8 pm Elburn Christmas Stroll, December 14 all day library staff meeting, and March, no date given, Trivia Bee. The library will host Santa and Mrs. Claus, Magic Matt with balloons, Marionettes, Reamete, and refreshments offered during the Christmas Stroll. Dwayne Nelson will be purchasing a Toddler Alphabet Blocks

rug and Copernicus Regal Reading and Writing Center for the story times/enrichment classes in the meeting room. A Thank You note from Dwayne N. was given to the Friends of the library.

- 10) **Nomination and Election of Directors/Officers:** Submitted by Bill G. The following positions are up for election: president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. Directors: Jack S. and Joann V. agreed to continue their terms. Bill G. stated we need another director. Robert H. nominated himself. Lori C., Joan H., Bill G., and Tania M. agreed to renew for another term. Joan H. motioned to close the election process, Helen H. seconded. The vote was unanimous for all two year terms as Directors. Pat S. moved for election of Directors, Helen H. seconded.

The acclamation for Directors for the term of 2013-2015 is as follows:

Lori Crimmins, President	2013 - 2015
Joan Hansen, Exec. Vice-President	2013 - 2015
Bill Grabarek, Treasurer	2013 - 2015
Tania Miller, Secretary	2013 - 2015
Jack Shallberg, Director	2012 - 2014
JoAnn Vanthournout, Director	2012 - 2014
Robert Harford, Director	2013 - 2015

- 11) **Directors' Nominating Committee – Slate of Officers:** Officers run and hold the positions that they are currently holding. Lori C., President; Joan H., Exec. Vice-President; Bill G., Treasurer; and Tania M., Secretary. Acclamation holds offices for another year: yes.
- 12) **Donation to Library:** Joan H. motioned to donate \$3750.00 to the library today to be used at the library staffs' discretion. Bill G. seconded. All in favor. (After the meeting, a photo was taken for publicity purposes of the Friends donating the check to the library).
- 13) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. by Lori C. and Joan H. seconded.

2014 Friends meetings
Thursdays – 7:00 PM
March 20, 2014 – Plant Sale Decisions
July 10, 2014
September 11, 2014 – Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Directors/Officers

Other Important Dates:
Christmas Stroll – Friday, December 6, 2013
Annual Plant Sale – May 9 & 10, 2014

Respectfully Submitted
Tania Miller, Secretary