

**Friends of the Town and Country Public Library  
Minutes of September 10, 2015  
Board of Directors**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Joan H. called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Directors Present: Lori Crimmins, President; Joan Hansen, Executive Vice-President; Bill Grabarek, Treasurer; Tania Miller, Secretary; Jack Shallberg, Pat Schuberg. Other Members present: Stephanie L. Butler. Library staff: Lynn Alms, Library Director. Directors absent: Robert Harford.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** 7/9/15 Joan H. motioned to accept minutes read in email. Bill G. seconded.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:** Submitted by Bill G. current balance as of 9/10/15 = \$4142.71. Joan H. motioned to approve balance, Jack S. seconded. The sales tax # needs to be renewed per Bill G.
- 5) **Membership:** Current membership is 44. Discussion for membership price changes: \$5, \$10, or more. The Kaneville library charges \$5 for membership at preview night of book sale. Maybe, advertise on Facebook for new members.
- 6) **Highlights of Annual Activities and Volunteer Opportunities:** Discussed by Pat S. After annual book sale, Boy Scout Troop #7 volunteered on Sunday afternoon and Wednesday night. The troop: packed up unsold books, stacked boxes and shrink wrapped 4 pallets. There were 160 boxes this year vs 120 boxes last year. The books are shipped to BWB, Better World Books. The 4 pallets were donated to Friends by Rich Wrap of Elburn. Also, the Boy Scouts helped clean up book sale areas. They worked really hard. Maybe, next year try new company suggested Pat S. The Discovery Books Company can send workers to help with cleanup and pack books in crates. Discussed by Bill G. Rare books that are donated to the library are not worth selling online with E-bay and Amazon, or book sellers because too much time and effort is involved for the Friends for little return. Discussed by Joan H. The train station will no longer have free books in turnstile due to vandalism.
- 7) **Fundraising:** Discussed by Joan H. The Friends Elburn Days book sale made more money this year than last year. The annual sale was not as busy because kids were back in school. For next year, the children's book room needs to be reconfigured. The need for more bookcases/book shelves for teen and grade school chapter books has increased. Discussed by Robert H. The Spring Plant sale order forms and Friends membership forms available online for customers. Also, Friends information posted about volunteer opportunities and library programs sponsored by the Friends can be posted. Additionally, the Friends bylaws on website per Bill G.
- 8) **Comments - Library/Board:** Discussed by Lynn A. The Evance computer program is available for customers and it's a new system for signing up for classes/programs offered at the library. The homebound program has 2 new librarians. The auto renewal system is up and running. It automatically renews checked out items one time. There is an active search for library director and youth director.
- 9) **Nomination and Election of Directors/Officers:** Submitted by Bill G. The following positions are up for election: president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and 1 director. Director: Robert H. agreed for another term. Lori C., Joan H., Bill G., and Tania M. agreed to renew for another 1 year term. Jack S. motioned to close the election process, Lori C. seconded. The vote was unanimous for all 1 year terms as Directors. Joan H. moved the election of Directors, Pat S. seconded.
- 10) **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.

- 11) **Donation to Library:** Bill G. motioned to donate \$3750 to the library today to be used at the library staffs' discretion. Joan H. seconded. All in favor. (After the meeting, a publicity photo was done for the Friends donating the check to the library.)
- 12) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. by Joan H. and Lori C. seconded.
- a) Respectfully Submitted
  - b) Tania Miller, Secretary