

Friends of the Town & Country Public Library  
Minutes of the May 12, 2016 Board of Directors meeting

Executive Vice President, Joan Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Directors in attendance were: Lori Crimmins, Joan Hansen, Bill Grabarek, Robert Harford, Pat Schuberg and Jack Shallberg. Directors absent: Tania Miller. Attending on behalf of the Library was the new Director, Glenn Kahmann and Friends members Jacqui Fountain and Helen Harford.

Joan Hansen moved for approval of the Minutes of the March 17, 2016. Bill moved to accept the minutes and Robert seconded. All present approved minutes.

Bill Grabarek, Treasurer, said the balance in our checking account is \$4,712.28. A detailed report will be presented at our Annual Meeting, September 8.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership** Robert Harford will defer his report until our annual meeting September 8. Most renewal memberships are received on Book Sale Preview Night, Thursday, August 18..

**Publicity** Joan reported that we received considerable publicity for our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Flower Plant sale from the Chamber of Commerce. Several email blasts were sent to members as well as mention at Chamber monthly meetings. Jenny Wold, library trustee, sent out flyer to Kaneland to be included in a school email blast. We had use of the library outdoor sign for the first time with a sign created by former employee Cindy Arnold. There was a small blurb in the Elburn Herald May 5. Mini-flyers were given to Paisano's to put on pizza boxes April 29. Mini-flyers were also distributed at some local businesses and Welcome Wagon. There was less newspaper publicity due to the KCC going digital, and EH bought out by KCC.

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

**Fundraising** Joan reported the **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 the most popular method of pre-ordering. An estimated total of 75 dozen plants were pre-ordered. We had about 12 dozen assorted plants remaining after the sale which is the most ever. We were fortunate to have creative ways to sell the remaining plants and also receive a generous donor to purchase the remaining four dozen plants (all at regular prices) and donate them to library staff and board members. We have some outstanding checks to be received before we will have final \$\$\$. We raised \$244 for the Spring Garden Raffle; less than last year probably due to reduced Saturday customers.

**Donation to Library:** Joan read a letter from Cathy Korthals, Adult Services Director asking for our support again this year for summer reading prizes. Glenn showed us a flyer from Jeannine McDonald, Youth Services Director suggesting the purchase of an iPad Kiosk for pre-school children. We unanimously donated \$4,500 to the library.

**The Spring Garden Raffle** winners are:

Kelly Gagne - E-Z Go bucket/cart filled with assorted gardening items and books provided by Friends.

Alan Isberg - bird design quilt donated by Liz Graves, former employee.

Ray Hanson - artwork donated by Val Pieroni, local artist.

Having separate ticket boxes was a huge success.

**2017 Page A Day Book Lover's calendar.** Joan reported that 30 calendars have been ordered from Workman Publishing for estimated delivery in July. The majority will be donated to the homebound patrons for a Christmas gift from Friends as we have done for many years. .

**Book Sale:** Elburn Days annual Friends of the Library Book Sale will be August 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Set up will begin Monday August 15; sorting August 15 and 16; Preview Night for Members only August 18 and Sale August 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>. All prices will remain the same. Sign up sheets to volunteer throughout the 8 days were passed around. Al Guthke will continue to be in charge of set up Monday, August 15 and take down. Pat Schuberg will continue to arrange for disposal of remaining books with the help of Boy Scouts. More volunteers needed for the sale Friday. Saturday bag sale is from 9 AM – 12 Noon and volunteers are needed.

**Library Director:** Glenn invited us to the annual volunteer brunch, Sunday, June 5 from 10 AM – 12 Noon. Food will be provided by Corner Grind banquet services. Respond to Glenn if you are coming. Summer Reading begins May 31 and ends August 5 with several events including outdoor games and a Teen Lock-In. There will also be many prizes for all ages. (Everyone is expected to sign up.)

**Miscellaneous:** A photo was taken of us presenting Glenn with our check of \$4,500 to the library. Joan will submit it to KCC in hopes of publicity for the library.

**New Business:** Tania Miller has resigned as Secretary. A replacement to fulfill her term until 2017 will be chosen at our annual meeting.

There being no further business, Helen moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat.

The meeting adjourned at 8.07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hansen, Acting Secretary

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 8; annual meeting of election of directors and officers. .