

Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library
Annual Meeting
Upper Dublin Township Building Meeting Room
April 14th, 2016

The annual meeting was called to order at the scheduled and publicized time, 11:00AM, by Board President, Robert Stutz. The list of those attending is attached to the Secretary's copy of these minutes.

Board Members Present: Jerry Caplan, Jan Frohner, Dick Haggard, Jo-Ann Hunt, Robert Stutz, and Connie Sugarbread. Those absent were Joan Chinitz, Sandra Merritt, and Karen Preston.

Others Present from Library Staff and Friends: Cheri Fiory, Library Director; Andrea Merrick and Janine Buesgen from the Library Board. Other Friends, guests and volunteers present are included in the list attached to these minutes. Following his welcome and the self-introductions of all present, Robert led the meeting through the stated agenda.

Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting. Additional copies of the March minutes were provided to any members who wanted them. Dick briefly reviewed last month's minutes, taken by Joan Chinitz, highlighting main points of interest, and they were approved as issued.

Treasurer's Report (Jo-Ann Hunt, Treasurer) Jo-Ann gave her report through March along with a summary of Income and Expenses for the years 2010 through 2015 and 2016 to date, and the budget for each of those years. The balance of \$10,464 previously carried forward from the Capital Campaign was spent on equipment and physical needs during 2015 and is now \$0. Jo-Ann also provided a review of the many projects supported by the Friends during 2015.

Currently, the Friends' total balance is \$89,542. The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. A hard copy of the handouts is attached to the Secretary's copy of these minutes.

Several additional notes were provided briefly and orally by Jo-Ann and are included here:

Book Sales for 2015: \$13,398.

Donations from township fundraisers (e.g. Monte Carlo Night, the UD Triathlon, others) and all Membership contributions totaled \$19,703.

The two major 2015 fundraisers of The Friends netted \$3196 from the jewelry sale and \$2230 from the Craft Show.

Several guests were impressed with our bank balance, to which Dick commented that our mission is not to have a large balance but to put the funds we raise to work for the Library. Cheri and the Board together continue to work on that pleasant task.

Membership (Jan Frohner, Membership) Jan reported that membership is now at a total of 215, of which 153 are renewals from previous years (giving \$9,295) and 62 are new members from an appeal to over 1500 library patrons who had checked out 25 or more books in 2015, adding \$2,566. A special sticker identifying the donor as a "Friend of UDPL" was included in Jan's thank-you letter, for attachment to the Friend's library card. The Board is currently discussing ways to further acknowledge our generous donors. Jan also identified and listed 18 people who have been Friends since 2004.

Fundraising

Jo-Ann updated all on her continuing efforts for the Craft Fair at Mondauk Park on Saturday, August 27th from 9-3PM. She has 21 vendors signed up to date, seven of whom are new, and has received a \$500 donation from Jarrettown Hotel (via Robert) and with Robert is working on publicity in various local venues (e.g. Ambler theater; newspapers). Cheri has arranged for some township help in the setting up on the day before. Jo-Ann will soon hold a meeting of those working with her on the Fair.

Robert informed all of a wine tasting event to be held in the Library after closing hours on Friday, June 3rd. He and Jan visited the 16th annual wine tasting event held by Lower Providence Community Library, a very classy affair, and got good ideas for our First. Robert's arrangement with the wine provider is set and he will be working on getting Board members and others to participate in, and help run, the event. Jan is helping with publicity. The event is to be free to those invited and will be one means for the Friends' Board to thank its supporters.

Old Business Cheri briefly reviewed progress of a joint group of Library Staff and Township personnel studying long-term ideas for the Township that could impact the library (e.g. possible expansion on-site; a new building; new sign). She said that this is an ongoing effort and is now approaching critical stages with outside providers and the public should watch for updates of progress. The Friends are in a holding position concerning our outdoor sign and other longer term spending.

New Business

Nomination and Election of 2016-17 Board Members Robert announced that the slate of nominees for election at this meeting had been posted and includes all those currently on the Board (above listed). With no further nominations in hand, Robert called for the election. All nine nominees were unanimously elected by those present, to serve for the next year. Officer election within the Board will be held at the next regular meeting.


Posting of Minutes Cheri announced that we are now able to post our approved minutes on the Friends' website and will take steps to implement that with Karen and the Secretary, Joan Chinitz.

Only a partial quorum was achieved for this meeting (16 of 21); accordingly, no financial business was transacted.

Next Meeting: The next Friends' Board Meeting is Thursday, May 12th at 1:00 in the Library meeting room. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned to an adjacent room where the township lunch for library volunteers was served at Noon.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard Haggard,
For Joan Chinitz, Secretary