

Board Meeting of the  
Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library  
Upper Dublin Public Library Meeting Room  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 1:05PM by Board President, Robert Stutz.

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

**Others Present from Library Staff and Friends:** Cheri Fiory, Library Director. One guest was present and welcomed: Cathy Murphy. (Linda Walker, active Friend, and former guest, Wendy Munyon, each reported that they would be absent due to other engagements).

**Minutes of the January Monthly Meeting** The minutes of the January meeting were approved as issued (with a minor phrase removed) by Dick Haggard for Joan Chinitz, Secretary.

**Treasurer's Report** (Jo-Ann Hunt, Treasurer) Jo-Ann gave her report through January, 2016, presenting a summary of Income and Expenses versus the 2016 budget. The Friends' total balance is \$91,748. Comparison tables of income and expenses, by month, for the years 2008 through 2015, also were provided. Jo-Ann reconciled the small difference in Nov-Dec. income vs the new member receipts. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

One item not budgeted but earlier approved by the Board (two book spinners for the lobby, costing about \$1,000), was added to the Admin./ Operating Expenses budget for 2016, the Board agreeing to raise that budget area from \$1,200 to \$2,200. Jo-Ann will so modify the overall budget.

**Membership** (Jo-Ann and Robert for Jan Frohner, Membership) Jo-Ann presented a summary table for the responses to our 2016 membership appeal. To date, we have 149 renewals from 212 existing members (70%, up 17 from last month) and 61 new members from the 1636 new appeals made (based on a list of users with 25-book withdrawals during the previous year, for a yield of 3.7%, up 4 from last month). Net income from all 210 Friends now signed on for 2016 is \$10,564. It was concluded that the broad mailing brought in a net gain, even with its low percentage return, but, as pointed out by Karen, required a fair amount of mailing/labeling effort to achieve. Cheri and Karen will pursue possible computer-based steps that might make a future broad mailing easier, should we decide to undertake it.

**Fundraising** Jo-Ann, in heading up the third annual craft fair, provided a handout of all the activities related to setting it up. We agreed to examine the list and decide where each of us can help and then be prepared to discuss in detail at our next regular meeting. Cheri said she would take copies of the list to the next Library Board meeting to elicit help from their members also, and further check whether township employees and others might be available to help with set-up. Separate meetings may be called by Jo-Ann subsequently. The date is set for the last Saturday in August, the 27<sup>th</sup>, when most families with children probably will have returned prior to the start of school. One entertainment possibility includes marionettes.

Robert continues his efforts toward a Spring or Summer wine and food event sponsored by the Friends. He's looking for a date that works for the Jarrettown Hotel in June, along with possible music (maybe a UDHS musical ensemble) and obtaining a clearance on any liability issue for the wine serving and drinking. He will report further at our next meeting when the Board also will decide on ticket pricing.

### **Old Business**

Cheri said that we now have an African American Museum membership pass (\$75); the museum is located near Independence Mall. Cheri reported on museum offerings, schedule, etc. and that our pass helps to give the museum some exposure, and the Board approved.

Foundation speaker: Cheri talked to Kathy Gallaway about a Skype discussion with us and is working toward holding that. Possible dates (at 5:30PM) are March 3, 7, 14, and 17 for an estimated one hour meeting. Cheri will share this info with the Library Board and Friends Board to identify best date.

Little Library: PR decisions on this new 'box' were prepared by India Frazier. The Library would display it here as a way to promote its use and draw attention to the existing Little Library in Mondauk Park. The new box will be placed outside in North Hills at some time in March or April.

### **New Business**

Brief discussion re annual meeting: Thursday, April 7, 14 or 21, 2016, and the best date will be determined by Cheri's polling the Board.

Cheri had nothing to report from the January Library Board meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM in the UDPL conference room. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

This meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Haggard, for  
Joan Chinitz, Secretary