

Board Meeting of the  
Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library  
Upper Dublin Public Library Meeting Room  
January 13, 2016

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 1:30PM by Board President, Robert Stutz.

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

**Others Present from Library Staff and Friends:** Cheri Fiory, Library Director; Wendy Rader, Library Board; and Linda Walker, active Friend. Two guests were present and welcomed: Cathy Murphy and Wendy Munyon.

**Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting** The minutes of the November meeting were approved as issued by Joan Chinitz, Secretary. In Joan's absence, Dick will record minutes of the present meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** (Jo-Ann Hunt, Treasurer) Jo-Ann gave her report through December and for the year, 2015. A summary of Income and Expenses for Dec. and the full year, all versus the 2015 budget and compared with 2014, were presented. At the beginning of this new year, the Friends' total balance is \$93,908 and we have an approved budget of \$41,850. Comparison tables of income and expenses, by month, for the years 2008 through 2015, also were provided. Jo-Ann will check the small difference in Nov-Dec. income vs the below-stated new member receipts and advise the board. Her report was approved as presented.

**Membership** (Jo-Ann for Jan Frohner, Membership) Jo-Ann presented a summary table for the responses to our 2016 membership appeal. To date, we have 132 renewals from 212 existing members (63%) and 57 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 3.5%, a low number we found interesting). Net income from Friends now signed on for 2016 is \$12,059 (excluding postage shared 50/50 with the township and stationery costs).

**Fundraising** Jo-Ann and Robert reported that very little jewelry was sold during the holiday season. Maybe some will be made available for sale during Spring, e.g. at firehouse flea market or other venues.

Robert continues accumulating information toward a Spring or Summer wine event by the Friends, homing in on the Jarrettown Hotel. He reported that some, if not all, wine would be donated or at-cost by Robert's contact, Brian, and that the Hotel manager would contribute the venue (outside hopefully), servers, munchies and other beverages at low cost. About 84 attendees, at \$50 each, would be necessary to clear total potential costs. Robert is pursuing questions of timing, possible music (UDHS musical ensemble possibly, Jo-Ann checking this), and obtaining an important clearance on any liability issue for the wine serving and drinking.

Jo-Ann said she would head up the third annual craft fair one more time, but she needed more help to do it. Dick reminded all that we wouldn't have had the first or second fair without her efforts in leading it all. We agreed to provide more help and Jo-Ann will call upon us to furnish it. The dates under consideration are Saturday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

Concerning the idea of becoming a 'Foundation' vs just 'Friends' of the UDPL, Cheri has talked with a colleague at Penn State about the pros and cons of the idea. Cheri will look into a visit or teleconference with her colleague about the question and keep us informed.

Volunteers for the Library now exceed the need and there is no reason to press for more, Cheri reported. Robert, with Lauren Smyth, will respond to those few new Friends who expressed interest in volunteering.

Little Library - Linda and Cheri reported that a new box has arrived, similar to the one in good use in Mondauk Park, and are considering a second site, most probably North Hills, for setting it up. Cheri is working with that site for best location indoors or outdoors. Linda also reported that she has four solid outlets for our wealth of used children's books.

### **New Business**

Electronic Sign - Cheri reported that she has heard more commentary toward a township master plan which could affect library location and at least the area around the present location. She suggested we keep further sign plans on hold and continue to use the sign we have. Dick wondered if it's going to be a matter of years before changes are made and whether we might want to spend \$5-10K on upgrading what we have in place for the interim. Cheri will advise on the next meeting timing with township consultants.

A copy of the Friends' final Library budget for Cheri and staff's use during 2016 was added to the Minutes file for retention.

Wendy reported that the Library Board had no December meeting and in their November meeting spent most of their time with Cheri, preparing for her commissioners' budget meeting for the Library on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. That was held successfully, as reported by Cheri.

Other - Cheri mentioned that the first One book/One County event would be held April 19<sup>th</sup>, featuring THE BOYS IN THE BOAT, by Dan Brown. It will be held at 1:30PM at Ursinus College and 7:30PM at Montco CC. She also reminded all of the Laban book event here on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, the forthcoming Mr. Holmes event, and the township's Monte Carlo night on February 20th.

**Next Meeting:** After brief discussion of possibly changing the day of the week for Board meetings, we agreed to keep the second Thursday of the month as our normal meeting day and move the starting time up one-half hour to help the timing needs of some members. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM in the Library meeting room. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Haggard, for  
Joan Chinitz, Secretary