

Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Upper Dublin Township Library Conference Room
August 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm by Board Vice-President Jerry Caplan, filling in for Robert Stutz.

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

Others Present from Library Staff, Friends and Library Board: Lauren Smyth, Library Assistant Director, filling in for Cheri Fiory; Andrea Merrick, Library Board; Active Friends: Linda Walker and Cathy Murphy; John Hunt.

All welcomed and additions to agenda noted for later discussion.

Minutes of June Meeting: Joan Chinitz
Approved as previously corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Jo-Ann Hunt, Treasurer: Review of income/expenses to date as well as all existing deposits, checks and withdrawals. As of 7/31/16: Checking account balance: \$66,022.91; Savings account: \$20,298.83; Total deposits on hand: \$86,321.74; Total Income: \$6,683.02 (YTD: \$20,841.74); Expenses/Withdrawals: \$1,850.58 (YTD: \$28,734.84). Donations: \$5,046.20, including \$4,900 from Upper Dublin Township as the Friends portion of the year's fundraisers. In addition to donations, income included \$1,194.50 from book sales and \$415.00 from the craft show. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Membership: Jo-Ann Hunt for Jan Frohner: One new member. It was noted and appreciated that several new members include public figures whose membership expresses support for the library.

Fundraising: Jo-Ann Hunt:

Craft Show: There are 73 vendors signed up so far (23 returning), with more expected. Jo-Ann capped jewelry at 22, more than desired, but she wanted to accommodate several from last year who recently inquired.

Craft Show P.R.: The August "Enterprise" featured the craft show on the front page. Jan had contacted Deb Wheeler, the U.D. School District Superintendent, who will share the craft show information on the District Facebook page and also send a message to the faculty. Cathy Murphy has distributed the bookmark/flyers at many sites, including several in Ambler such as the movie theater; Giant and nail salons. Several present took some flyers to distribute, e.g. Joan for LA Fitness and the hair salon in Dresher; Linda for other sites. Joan will also take the 2 ½" x 4" flyers to George's to distribute in shopping bags at checkout the week of the show. Jo-Ann asked that we all take yard signs to place at appropriate high-traffic areas. This was done.

John Hunt described and demonstrated in detail the grid he developed for line making. There will be 11' squares, and John and Jo-Ann obtained a roller for this chore.

Food: Alicia Fortunato from the Library Board recruited a friend to donate soft pretzels from Philly Pretzels in Horsham. Connie will pick them up, and Linda will get ice. There will be sandwiches ordered from George's and tomato pies and hot dogs. A new food addition is Kona Ice Trucks. Since they need three parking spaces, a discussion about where to put them resolved that the best place may be the parking lot near the Little Library, playground, etc.

Entertainment: Two marionette shows of Three Little Pigs presented by Jenn Sivvers, Head of Children's Services, and Linda.

Everyone should remember to wear their Friends T-shirts at the Craft Show.

Jewelry Sale: October 22: Jo-Ann reported that a fair amount of jewelry has been coming in.

Old Business: Lauren Smyth:

Chanticleer pass purchased and circulating. There was a library program in July with a Chanticleer gardener that aroused much interest. Most passes are very popular and have been in high demand all summer, especially Morris Arboretum and the Elmwood Park Zoo.

Gift for Katherine Barnes: Karen reported that the Friends gave her a \$100 much appreciated gift certificate to a Starr restaurant. Jo-Ann had attended Katherine's farewell breakfast and passed around her lovely thank you note for our gift.

New Business: Lauren, Andrea Merrick, Linda:

Library Board Report: Andrea reported on the Board's election of officers: Janine Buesgen, President; Wendy Rader, Treasurer; Alicia Fortunato, Secretary. There was no July meeting, and the August meeting is upcoming. Over 1000 adults and teens participated in the summer reading program.

Book Sale: Lauren for Cheri: Some quite good applicants are being interviewed for the position of Administrative Assistant. The intention is that the new administrative assistant not be deeply involved with the book sale as was Katherine, e.g. with stacking, sorting, etc. Lauren will meet with staff to continue discussion of process for handling collection, possibly with hope of recruiting more volunteers to help with this. Linda said she had spoken with Cheri about being liaison between the Friends Board and the staff/sale. To help maximize space in the room, Linda will be able to use the Chrome Computer w/scanner for Better World Books, etc. Re: other outlets: we are running out of places for books Better World doesn't want, e.g. Impact doesn't want them. Discussion about ways to encourage donations of usable books since in the past many have been of poor quality. Cathy suggested that the email announcing acceptance of book donations (most likely in mid- to late- September) gently but clearly suggest sensible criteria for donations, e.g. no mold, reminding people that the library often has to just throw away unusable books.

The next regular meeting of the Friends' Board will be on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 1:00pm in the Upper Dublin Library Conference Room.

As always, the public is invited to attend.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Chinitz, Secretary