

Board Meeting of the
Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library
Upper Dublin Public Library Meeting Room
January 12th, 2017

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, Robert Stutz, and Connie Sugarbread. Absent were Joan Chinitz, Jan Frohner, Sandy Merritt, and Karen Preston.

Others Present from Library Staff and Friends: Cheri Fiory, Library Director; Andrea Merrick, Library Board representative; Cathy Murphy, active Friend, and Bryan Gillespie, interested Friend.

Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting The minutes of the November meeting were approved as issued by Dick Haggard, interim Secretary for Joan Chinitz. He will send a copy to Karen Preston for issue on the Website, which has been missed for the last few meetings.

Treasurer's Report (Jo-Ann Hunt, Treasurer) Jo-Ann gave her report through December and Year-End, 2016, presenting a summary of Income and Expenses versus the 2016 budget. The Friends' total balance is now \$94,876. A few noteworthy items include: Book Sales for the year were a little over \$11,000; Author events brought in \$8,076, but at some cost included in the Adult category (which Jo-Ann will split out in future statements to indicate the actual budgeted amounts for that category); \$12,254 in membership income plus \$9815 in donations (\$1,000 from Colony Club, Cheri mentioned later, a generous donation; other donations were mainly from township co-sponsored events). It is noted that our budget for 2017 library support is \$49,376 (not including \$20,000 held aside for possible signage and capital-type expenses). The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Membership Jo-Ann presented a written one-page summary for membership chairman, Jan Frohner. The report covered the appeal mailed to approximately 2500 people, 2300 of whom are library patrons taking 10 or more books out last year but who were not Friends of the Library. Regular Friends' members (219) and lapsed (55) were sent a separate letter, thanking them for past support and asking for continued membership. To date, the responses are as follows: 154 of the existing 219 (70%); 8 of the lapsed 55 (15%), and 82 of the 2300 new appeals (3.6%). The last response brought in \$3943 vs our mailing and stationery expense of \$1480. Jo-Ann will check the donation level, apparently in error, of the 8 formerly-lapsed members. More returns are expected.

Jan has sent thank-you notes to all members and Robert said he has sent separate thank-you notes to all giving \$100 or more to the Friends. Also, Jo-Ann listed all 244 Friends by the area in which they live (e.g. 67 in Ambler, 47 Ft. Wash., etc.), an interesting breakdown.

Old Business Linda Walker's note to Robert included the following key points: She has 4 'wonderful helpers' each of whom has a particular responsibility in the work room and book sale area. Book donations have picked up lately but not to the extent before Katherine retired last summer. Linda has several outlets for books not sold and she nurtures them. The two

little libraries are doing well, with patrons stocking them in addition to those books we place in them. She feels that we do not have enough books in hand now to run a special book sale.

Cheri mentioned that some groups are interested in helping, maybe even building, more little library boxes for around the township, especially in Klosterman Park across from the old elementary school in the Elliger Park area. We agreed to reimburse a group (Girl Scouts, possibly) for materials if they should wish to build one. Also, Cheri agreed that she will arrange to have an eMail notice sent to library patrons about bringing in books for sale, that notice having been delayed from before the year-end Holidays.

New Business There had been no meeting of the UDPL Board, so Andrea had nothing to report. Their next meeting is Wed., Jan 18th at 6:30.

Cheri said she felt good about the township budget presentation for the Library on 11/19/16 at 9 A.M. Several Friends Board and Library Board members attended with her. Dick had the opportunity to comment to the commissioners about the work, budget and program sponsorships which the Friends do, for and with the Library. Cheri's budget was passed as presented, with little further comment by the commissioners.

We set the Annual Friends of UDPL Meeting date for Thursday, April 20th, 11AM, before the annual volunteer lunch at Noon.

Jo-Ann and the Board agreed on the date for the annual Craft Fair: Saturday, August 26th (Sunday, 27th, the rain date).

Jo-Ann also announced the date for the annual jewelry sale: Saturday, October 21st.

A volunteer list is being prepared by Jo-Ann for use by Library staff and the Friends in eliciting short-term or long-term help when needed.

Cheri passed around a new brochure for the Library and copies were available to all.

Next Meeting: The next Friends' Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9th at 1:00PM in the UDPL conference room. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Haggard, for
Joan Chinitz, Secretary