

**Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library**  
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Upper Dublin Township Library Conference Room**  
**March 9, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm by Board President, Robert Stutz.

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

**Others Present from Library Staff, Friends and Library Board:** Cheri Fiory, Library Director; Active Friend: Cathy Murphy; Interested Friend, Bryan Gillespie.

**Minutes of February Meeting:** Joan Chinitz and Robert Stutz

Approved as amended with minor change. A \$5000 figure in new budget should be \$2000. Dick will forward amended version to Karen for posting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jo-Ann Hunt, Treasurer: Review of income/expenses to date as well as all existing deposits, checks and withdrawals. As of 2/28/17: Checking account balance: \$72,868.82; Savings account: \$20,301.21 Total deposits on hand: \$93,170.03; Total Income: \$2,167.60 (YTD: \$8,082.72); Expenses/Withdrawals: \$4,272.57 (YTD: \$8,908.29). Donations: \$256.20. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**Amazon Smile:** We have received some funds from that, so it was suggested that people be reminded that we can be recipients. **Raffle:** Jo-Ann said that, because of yearly \$125 fee, we should let her know as soon as possible if we want to do a raffle. The possibilities may include Longwood Gardens, the Adirondack chair and other ideas. **1099:** Need for this was raised by one of the teachers. This hasn't been done before, but in the future anyone earning \$600 or more will receive a 1099 form for tax purposes.

**Membership:** Jan Frohner: As of March 8 there are 93 new members and 182 renewals for a total of 275 members, an increase of 9.

**Website Donor Recognition:** Karen has been connecting with those involved in data input. Jan will give Karen an alphabetized donor list noting those who wish to remain anonymous. The donor recognition post will state that the list is complete as of the posting date. A question was raised about interpreting anonymity: If donor did not complete section asking how name should be listed, does that imply a wish for anonymity or assumption that name as written on form would be used? No real resolution, but in the future there will be a specific yes or no question re: anonymity.

**Old Business:**

**Digital Sign:** Robert raised issue for long discussion. If we proceed, we should use a local contractor, especially since Cheri is concerned that, because of the many complicated technology issues involved, we have on-going, in-person support and advice from the very beginning. We must be sure that the technology used is compatible with other library and township technology since we hope to share the sign with the township. **Points made:** the Fort Washington Fire Department sign is an example of good design and good placement; can we get a grant for the sign?; Bryan asked what are our goals and how can we quantify impact?; we want to reach people who don't use library as well as those who do: would sign help?; is library area best site for placement or should we consider other high-traffic sites, e.g. Mondauk Park? Resolution: Cathy will further investigate Fort Washington Fire Department experience and look into grant possibilities, with possible help from Joan and her husband, Joel. We would look forward to a presentation from one or more vendors.

**Craft Show:** Jo-Ann: There are already 19 crafters, which is good for this date. Jo-Ann will set up a meeting for volunteers at the end of March. Bryan was helpful in posting a request for volunteers on the Next Door website.

**Thank You Beer Tasting Event: Friday, June 16, 2017:** Robert: Cathy has approached Forest and Main with no chance to meet with the owner. If there is no progress within a week, we may try Ambler Beverage. Kay has knowledge of a man who “teaches” beer and is interested in speaking at the event. Before committing to him or another presenter, we will secure the brewery in case they want to use their own speaker.

**New Business:** Cheri:

Director’s Report: Cheri: Karen will be the Friends Representative for Volunteer of the Year Award. Monte Carlo Night is this Saturday, and Cheri will work there.

Cheri spoke of classes taught at library, e.g. language classes. Participants have become close and often want to continue meeting beyond class, even looking for library space to do so. Students often ask if there is a charge for the classes, which are free. Should we have a place for suggested donations? Classes are so popular that library may expand them, and then more funds will be needed. Jan asked if we have compared names of students with Friends names. That will be done. In the future people will be asked at registration if they are a Friend.

Cheri said we are looking at on-line donation process. If we do credit cards at the library, the Township will work with us. Jo-Ann will look into Paypal and other options used by non-profits.

**Little Free Library:** A Girl Scout cadet is building a Little Free Library for her senior project, and Cheri hopes she can complete it for placement in Klosterman Park. If not, another box will be placed there.

**Library Board Report:** Cheri: No February meeting. They will meet next week to discuss policies.

**The next meeting of the Friends’ Board will be the Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 11:00pm in the Upper Dublin Public Library Conference Room. As always, the public is invited to attend.**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Chinitz, Secretary