

Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library  
Annual Meeting  
Upper Dublin Township Building Meeting Room  
Thursday, April 20, 2017

The annual meeting was called to order at the scheduled and publicized time, 11:00AM, by Board President, Robert Stutz. The list of those attending is attached to the Secretary's copy of these minutes. A quorum of 28 Friends (10% of our membership) was achieved and business progressed.

**Board Members Present:** Of the nine-member Board, six were present: Jerry Caplan, Dick Haggard, Jo-Ann Hunt, Sandra Merritt, Karen Preston, and Robert Stutz. Those absent were Joan Chinitz, Jan Frohner, and Connie Sugarbread.

**Others Present from Library Staff and Friends:** Cheri Fiory, Library Director; Andrea Merrick and Wendy Rader from the Library Board. Other Friends, guests and volunteers present are included in the list attached to these minutes. Following his welcome and the self-introductions of all present, Robert led the meeting through the stated agenda.

**Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting.** Additional copies of last month's minutes were distributed for review by those present. Dick briefly reviewed them, as written by Secretary Joan Chinitz, highlighting main points of interest. They were approved as issued and will be posted on our website.

**Treasurer's Report** (Jo-Ann Hunt, Treasurer) Jo-Ann gave her report through March along with a summary of Income and Expenses for the years 2011 through 2016, and 2017 to date, and the budget for each of those years. A page lists many of the projects undertaken and supported by the Friends during 2016. Currently, the Friends' total balance is \$92,273. Our budget for this year is about half of our total balance, at \$48,100. Jo-Ann is investigating Pay Pal as a possible route for Friends' supporters to be able to use online with convenience and security. The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. A hard copy of the handouts is attached to the Secretary's copy of these minutes. Jo-Ann was given thanks by all present for her work as Treasurer.

**Membership** Robert reported for Jan Frohner, Membership Chair, that the membership of the UDPL Friends currently stands at a total of 275, of whom 182 are renewals from previous years and 93 are new members from an appeal to 2300 library patrons who had checked out 10 or more books in 2016.

**Fundraising** Jo-Ann updated all on her continuing efforts for the Craft Fair at Mondauk Park on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-3PM. She has 26 vendors signed up to date, and expects another 50 in the months ahead. Jo-Ann has held a meeting of those working with her on the Fair, arranging for publicity, possible sponsorships and aligning other work to be done, and opening requests for help to all present.

Robert informed all of a beer-tasting event to be held in the Library after closing hours on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> (Note: Not June 16<sup>th</sup> as earlier posted). This is a 'Thank You' event for all Friends of the Library. Robert's arrangement with Ambler Beverage Exchange, the beer provider, is set and he will be working with them and also lining up Board members and others to participate in, and help run, the event.

**Old Business** The Board has been considering updating our outdoor Library sign with one of digital and Wifi capability. Cathy Murphy and Bryan Gillespie, active Friends, have recently checked other local signs on their size and use, reporting that the users like their signs and their workability. Whether to proceed to a new sign for the several years before a new possible siting of the Library occurs remains a major question. The cost seems to range over several suppliers around \$15-17K. This is a work in progress and a small committee of the Board will pursue more detail and will report to the full Board preceding further discussion. Appropriate township departments will be kept informed of our progress.

**New Business**

**Nomination and Election of 2017-18 Board Members** Robert announced that the slate of nominees for election at this meeting had been posted and includes all those currently on the Board (above listed) and two additional nominees: Cathy Murphy and Bryan Gillespie, both of whom have been participating in recent Board meetings. With no further nominations in hand, Robert called for the election. All eleven nominees were unanimously elected by those present, to serve for the next year. Officer election within the Board will be held at the next regular meeting.

**Director's Report** Cheri briefly reviewed progress of a joint group of Library Staff and Township personnel studying long-term ideas for the Township that could impact the library (e.g. possible expansion on-site; a new building; new sign, etc.), a continuation from her similar report last year. As to Library programs, she is working on the new three-year strategic plan, emphasizing a wide range of education over all ages and also increasing the Library's collections. All present were referred to the last page of Jo-Ann's handouts which lists many of the programs which the Friends currently sponsor. Cheri thanked the Friends for their continuing support which has grown substantially in recent years, in parallel with Library usage. In turn, all present gave Cheri a round of applause for the fine work, well appreciated, that she does for our Upper Dublin Public Library.

**Next Meeting:** The next Friends' Board Meeting is Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Library meeting room. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at noon. All present were invited to attend the township luncheon for library volunteers in the adjacent room, at which event Cheri would be giving further remarks and the Annual Volunteer Award.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Haggard,  
For Joan Chinitz, Secretary