

Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Upper Dublin Township Library Conference Room
June 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Board President, Robert Stutz.

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

Others Present from Library Staff, Friends and Library Board: Cheri Fiory, Library Director and Lauren Smyth, Assistant Library Director; Active Friend: Linda Walker.

Guest: Rachel Smith, Library Intern, who will attend the University of Illinois in the fall for her Master's Degree in Library Science.

Lauren Smyth, funded by the Friends to attend Book Expo America, the largest book publishers event, reviewed her excellent experience there. Topics included data on E-book usage, including the fact that 40+ women are the most prominent library e-book readers; how to host author's events; and titles that will be published in the next 6 months.

Minutes of May Meeting: Joan Chinitz
Approved as earlier amended.

Treasurer's Report: Jo-Ann Hunt, Treasurer: Review of income/expenses to date as well as all existing deposits, checks and withdrawals. As of 5/31/17: Checking account balance: \$67,741.43; Savings account: \$20,304.26. Total deposits on hand: \$88,045.69; Total Income: \$1,100.79 (YTD: \$12,261.35); Expenses/Withdrawals: \$5,491.44, including \$4,409.76 for Children's Programs (YTD: \$20,401.87). Donations: \$64.01. Jo-Ann submitted change of officers to the state and filed the tax return on May 1. Discussion of PayPal and membership designation: If a contribution is received through PayPal, is that a donation? for membership? How should we word PayPal donation section on the website, and how can we capture contact information we need? Karen and Cheri will investigate options, with Jo-Ann's input, and Jan will think about wording of membership letter. We should also see how other nearby libraries, like Wissahickon, are handling PayPal and whether they have seen an uptick in donations because of PayPal. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Membership: Jan Frohner: No activity in the past month. At Robert's request Cheri had checked the total of those who took out 5 books or more (2300) for future consideration for fall membership mailing.

Fund Raising:

Craft Show: Saturday, August 26: Jo-Ann, Robert : There are currently 38 vendors. Robert's dentist will donate \$500, so he will be on all promotional materials. A Friend Jo-Ann met at the Volunteer Luncheon will look for sponsor donations. Everyone is doing their assigned tasks, but Jo-Ann will set up a meeting in early August if needed.

Thank You Beer Tasting Event: Friday, June 23, 2017: Robert: 61 positive RSVP's so far. Ambler Beverage will supply ice, so coolers are not needed. Robert would like a few more volunteers to be roamers. He will order probably 12 pizzas, which Joel will pick up from Maple Glen Pizza. Jan purchased beer mugs for flowers from the Dollar Store and will place them on the tables. Set up will start at 4:00pm when the library closes. Musicians from Germantown Academy will arrive at 5:30.

Old Business:

Digital Sign: On-hold until ultimate decision made about expansion/relocation of the library. Temporary alternatives to digital sign: U.D.H.S. principal told Cheri we cannot use their sign unless there is a direct tie-in between the high school's and library's activities, but the librarian has offered use of the digital sign inside that library. Cheri is approaching the elementary schools for permission to use their signs to publicize registration information for the library's children's summer programs. She may speak again with the high school principal about summer usage of their sign to promote the library's summer programs, especially since that sign is relatively dormant much of the summer.

Audit: Jo-Ann sent spread sheets to Cheri and is waiting for the library to set up a meeting.

New Business:

Next Meeting: July 6: Robert requested a change of date for the July meeting to July 6. Most can attend. There will be no August meeting.

Lawn Chair Raffle: One of the chairs is on display in the lobby. The drawing will be on 6/30. Tickets will be available for those requesting them at the Beer Tasting event, but there will be no promotion.

Director's Report: No formal report. Topics cited earlier as part of discussions.

Library Board Report: Cheri: The Library Board met last month for elections, and there was no change of officers. They discussed the future of the library.

Additional Topic: Little Free Library: The donated box from Rep. Murt is in process and will be installed at Henry Lee Willet Park. Cheri is hopeful that by early July the Girl Scout cadet, who is a graduating senior, will have completed the Little Library that will go to Luther Klosterman Park.

The next meeting of the Friends' Board will be on Thursday, July 6 at 1:00 pm 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 2:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Chinitz, Secretary