

**Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Upper Dublin Township Library Conference Room  
October 12, 2017**

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

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

**Others Present from Library Staff, Friends and Library Board:** Cheri Fiory, Library Director; Active Friend: John Hunt; Absent: Active Friends: Susan Tofani and Linda Walker.

**Minutes of September Meeting:** Joan Chinitz  
Approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jo-Ann Hunt, Treasurer: Jo-Ann reviewed September income/expenses to date as well as all existing deposits, checks and withdrawals. As of 9/30/17: Checking account balance: \$65,243.75; Savings account: \$20,308.97. Total deposits on hand: \$85,562.72; Total Income: \$2,223.30, including \$762.67 from Craft Show (YTD: \$22,787.30); Expenses/Withdrawals: \$4,957.22 (YTD: \$32,805.20). Donations: \$88.50. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**PayPal Update:** The system was tested several times and worked. So far there has been one PayPal donation. Discussion of ways to publicize PayPal option with Dick cautioning against our being overly aggressive: Cathy suggested putting a slide on the board by the circulation desk and perhaps having a moveable sign we can use at programs, etc. Robert will say something about PayPal at the Friday night musical program.

**Membership:** Jan Frohner: Current Membership: There was one new member for a total of 286. October membership mailing: We will send 372 renewal letters to current members and lapsed members (from the past two years) as well as 2200 letters to card holders. Dick will take the letter to the printer on 10/13. Jan passed around a signup sheet for stuffing around 10/23. Since Upper Dublin Township will mail the letters, we will delay application for a non-profit mailing permit; however, Jo-Ann will investigate process, length of time permit is valid, etc. for future consideration.

**Fund Raising:**

**Jewelry Sale: Saturday, 10/21/17:** Jo-Ann: More than 3000 items have been donated so far. Since volunteer numbers are a little light, Cheri will get another person for Friday setup. Perhaps fill-ins needed for Saturday also.

**Old Business:**

**Audit:** Jo-Ann and Jonathan have exchanged emails, and Jonathan expressed satisfaction with all he has reviewed so far. He wants to report findings to several entities, e.g. library board.

**Little Libraries Update:** Cheri: There was more damage to the North Hills Little Library. It will be removed, hopefully repaired once again and perhaps put in the Children's Section of the library for temporary use (children will be able to take books). Its ultimate future is still uncertain. The Little Library for Klosterman is ready, but Cheri hasn't heard from them yet.

**New Business:**

**Warminster Library Lunch, Saturday, 9/30:** Jo-Ann and Cathy: There were 20 people there from a wide area, mainly Bucks County, all representing Friends groups. Information was shared, and it was obvious to Jo-Ann and Cathy that U.D. Friends is far ahead of the other represented libraries in activities, membership and especially funds raised. The Levittown Library was very interested in holding a jewelry sale, and Jo-Ann invited them and the other attendees to attend ours. She is willing to mentor Levittown if wished.

**Director's Report:** Cheri: There is a performance of Latin music on Friday, 10/13 at 7:00. Local author Kathleen Barber is the Let's Discuss It presenter on November 1 at the Ambler Theater. Since she is not yet well-known, ticket sales are slow, but Cheri hopes that they will improve as the date draws near.

**New Library:** Cheri is contemplating a retreat for Library Board and Friends members and for staff to explore ideas including increasing revenue sources. Operating costs are estimated to increase by \$600-\$900,000 annually. There will be many questions to consider. Cheri has been in contact with Temple OLLI from downtown Philadelphia, and she and others will be meeting with them and perhaps Temple's local Lifelong Learning about possibly holding classes at the new site. Potential future plans include hiring of a development person.

**Library Board Report:** No report.

**Note:** Cathy Murphy will join the Upper Dublin Library Board, remain on the Friends Board and be the Library Board liaison to the Friends.

**The next meeting of the Friends' Board will be on Thursday, November 9 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 2:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Chinitz, Secretary