

Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library
Board Meeting
Upper Dublin Library Conference Room
Thursday, February 8, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Friends of UDPL was called to order at 1:05 PM by Dick Haggard, serving for Board President, Robert Stutz.

Board Members Present: Bryan Gillespie, Dick Haggard, Jo-Ann Hunt, Jerry Kaplan, Karen Preston, and Connie Sugarbread. Those absent were Joan Chinitz, Jan Frohner, Cathy Murphy and Robert Stutz.

Others from Library Staff and Friends: Cheri Fiory, Library Director. Andrea Merrick from the Library Board and Linda Walker were unable to attend.

Minutes of the January Monthly Meeting. Approved as issued by Cathy Murphy, on behalf of Secretary, Joan Chinitz.

Treasurer's Report (Jo-Ann Hunt, Treasurer) : Jo-Ann gave her report for January, 2018. Currently, the Friends' total balance on hand is \$96,948.13. Expenses for January were \$3,269.87, income from all sources was \$3,286.00. There were 9 1099's which Jo-Ann sent out for services provided in 2017. This process was quite complex and there was discussion on ways this might be simplified in the future. There will soon be a new line added to the report to show donations for the Philomena Sciarra memorial. The Treasurer's report was approved, with one adjustment in the January expenses, moving \$1,865.00 from Management Software to Adult Programs. Jo-Ann also advised that she already has 12 vendors signed-up for the Craft show, which is scheduled for August 25th.

Membership Jo-Ann also provided an updated Membership Report. For 2017-18 there have been 275 renewals versus 286 for the full 2016-17 year. Through January there were 271 renewals in 2017-18 versus 261 through January last year. Donations from the renewals total \$15,204 this year versus \$15,088 last year.

Old Business

Cheri advised that the North Hills Little Free Library is expected to be moved close to the front of the North Hills Community Center in the near future.

New Business

Director's Report: Cheri, Robert, Cathy, Lauren Smyth and Robert Copeland met to begin planning related to 2018 fundraising. As part of this effort Cathy and Lauren have started investigating grant opportunities for non-profits that might be avail-

able. Cheri advised that the Steering Committee met twice in January. This included a meeting with consultants for a tour of the Virginia Drive building. The Steering Committee has also reviewed 4 possibilities presented by architects on how the space in 520 and the township building might be used in the future. The Steering Committee is hoping to provide a recommendation on use of the available space to the Board of Commissioners in March. The plan is to have at least one open community meeting after that recommendation is completed. Cheri also gave an update on the ongoing library survey of Upper Dublin residents. There have already been 650 completed surveys returned. Cheri also advised that she and Linda have had preliminary discussion on a clean out of some of the Upper Dublin library books. Cheri expects to provide an update on this in the next month or two.

Next Meetings: The next meeting of the Friends Board will be on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 1PM in the Library conference room or another meeting location in the library. The April meeting will be on Thursday April 19th at 11 AM, the 3rd Thursday in the month. This is the annual meeting and it will be followed by lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Gillespie,
For Joan Chinitz, Secretary