

Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library  
Board Meeting  
Upper Dublin Library Conference Room  
Thursday, January 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Friends of UDPL was called to order at 1:00 PM by Robert Stutz, President.

**Board Members Present:** Robert Stutz, Jo-Ann Hunt, Karen Preston, Richard Haggard, Cathy Murphy, and Bryan Gillespie attended. Jan Frohner and Connie Sugarbread were unable to attend.

**Others from Library Staff and Friends:** Cheri Fiory, Library Director, and Andrea Merrick, on behalf of the Library Board. Guests in attendance were Linda Walker, Jules Mermelstein and Sunny Gross.

**Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting:** Approved as prepared by Cathy Murphy, Secretary.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Jo-Ann Hunt, Treasurer) Jo-Ann provided a thorough review of income/expense activities since the last meeting. Expenses included funding for various children and teen events, as well as expenses related to the Literary Soiree event. These expenses totaled \$2,325.18. Donations received since the last meeting totaled \$1,162, including a \$1,000 donation by Colony Club. The Friends currently have \$105,562.11 on hand. Jo-Ann also provided a 2018 summary of income and expenses related to various fundraising events. These included several author events, the Jewelry Sale and the Craft Show, and used book sales that were conducted or supported by the Friends in 2018.

In connection with the Friends income, Linda Walker reported that she using some new strategies for the used book (and vinyl records) sales that are yielding good results. Through mid-December 2018, the income from these sales was over \$10,000.

Also, in response to questions, Linda reported that she continues to monitor the Little Free Library sites and they are largely self-operating at this time.

**Membership Report:** So far, the 2018-2019 membership drive has resulted in 199 renewals and 49 new members, for a total of 248 Friends members. The total donations from the annual membership drive is \$14,497.47 thus far. These outcomes are close to last year's results, and Jo-Ann noted that the numbers do not include additional members/money that came in during January 2019.

For next year, we agreed to get the annual membership drive letters out earlier in the fall.

**Old Business:**

Cheri provided a summary of the Literary Soiree. There were 79 attendees and feedback was very positive. Thank you notes were sent to local businesses who made donations to support this event. Also, the two servers were provided a \$25 gratuity.

Cheri also gave an update on the relocation of the library. The Commissioners received an update on proposed plans for renovations, and an RFQ went out resulting in one proposal for consideration. At this time, a final decision remains to be reached by the Commissioners regarding the budget for this project. Cheri also reviewed the Keystone Grant requirements, as there are details that remain to be addressed related to that grant. Finally, Cheri noted that there is now a sign at 520 Virginia Ave. soliciting for cafe tenants at this site.

With regard to fundraising efforts, Cheri brought us up-to-date on the Fairmount Ventures feasibility study. She noted that the consultants have indicated that fundraising activities will likely require her to make a considerable (up to 50%) time commitment. This will have an impact on library staffing, and she will need to sort out the consequences of the time she must devote to fundraising.

Cheri also advised that the establishment of a new Library Foundation continues to be considered, and the process of developing by-laws for such a foundation has begun in anticipation of this possibility.

Cheri noted that the staff will be participating in their annual In Service day on January 21. She reminded us we are invited to attend the presentations by two guest speakers, along with the group luncheon, on that day.

**New Business:**

Cheri advised that she is working on a possible author event (Harlan Coben) for Friday evening, March 22.

Also, she encouraged us to participate in the Township's WinterFest set for 2/1 and 2/2.

**Next Meetings:** The next meeting of the Friends Board will be on **Thursday, February 14, 2019, at 1 p.m. in the Library conference room.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Murphy, Secretary