

Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library
Board Meeting
Upper Dublin Library Conference Room
Thursday, July 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Friends of UDPL was called to order at 1:00 PM by Jo-Ann Hunt, Secretary

Board Members Present: Jo-Ann Hunt, Karen Preston, Connie Sugarman, Jan Frohner, and Cathy Murphy. Robert Stutz, Dick Haggard and Bryan Gillespie were absent.

Others from Library Staff and Friends: Cheri Fiory, Library Director; Andrea Merrick, on behalf of the Library Board; three guests: Linda Walker, Bob Becker and Jules Mermelstein also attended.

Minutes of the February Monthly Meeting: Approved as issued by Bryan Gillespie, acting as Secretary.

Treasurer's Report: (Jo-Ann Hunt, Treasurer) Jo-Ann presented the latest financial report. The Friends' total balance on hand as of June 30, 2018 is \$85,620.68. Jo-Ann reviewed the income/expense activities presented in the report. There were no questions, and the Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business

Cheri reported on the latest developments related to the property at 520 Virginia Drive. She provided a summary of the July 10 Commissioners' meeting. There were presentations and discussions related to access/accessibility to the building on Virginia Drive. The township's traffic engineer provided various proposals and options related to access, and local residents from the area engaged in an extended discussion. No final decisions on were made these issues at that meeting. The next meeting of the Commissioners will be held on August 14. Cheri encouraged attendance, and she will continue to report to us on matters related to 520 Virginia Drive.

Cheri also advised that at this recent Commissioners' meeting, the Friends received a gift in the amount of \$2,400 from funds raised at the Monte Carlo Night and the Triathlon.

Cheri also advised that a small committee took additional steps to identify a fundraising consultant by conducting interviews of several potential firms. The committee is in the final stages of this process and will recommend entering into an agreement with a firm to conduct a feasibility study. As noted, the Friends will provide the requested 50% of the funding for the feasibility study by the outside consulting firm once the move to 520 Virginia Drive is finalized. Cheri will report back to us as soon as that occurs.

New Business

Cheri presented a possible idea for an upcoming author event that has been proposed by the owner of the Open Book bookstore. The proposal is to focus on local authors in a "cabaret" style setting. A group of up to ten authors would read short selections from their works, in a format similar to our annual Friends thank you event. There would be small plate food offerings and opportunities for people to mingle with each other and with the authors. There would be a charge for attendance. There could also be a "dinner with an author" raffle as a possible fundraising component. She thinks some time in November would be a good target date for such an event. The ideas Cheri offered were well received, and the Friends were open to further discussion on this potential event.

There was an extensive discussion about the upcoming August craft show, to be held on Saturday, August 25. Jo-Ann reviewed the list of all action items that need to be completed, and specific people were identified to handle the various tasks required. Three sponsors have been secured this year. Cheri also agreed to check with Parks and Rec to see if they will announce this event at their Sunday Summer Concert series being held at the Temple University Ambler campus.

Next Meetings: The next meeting of the Friends Board will be on September 13, 2018 at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Murphy, Secretary