

Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library  
Board Meeting  
Upper Dublin Library Conference Room  
Thursday, January 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Friends of UDPL was called to order at 1:10pm by Board President, Robert Stutz.

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

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

Robert reported that Sandy Merritt has moved from an active Board membership status to emerita status, and will serve the Friends Board in this new capacity effective immediately. Everyone is very grateful to Sandy for her years of active service on the Board.

**Minutes of the October Monthly Meeting.** Approved as issued by Dick Haggard, on behalf of Secretary, Joan Chinitz.

**Treasurer's Report** (Jo-Ann Hunt, Treasurer) Jo-Ann gave her report for the end of the calendar year, 2017. She provided a line item comparison of the 2016 budget totals and 2017 results to date. Currently, the Friends' total balance on hand is \$96,932.00. Expenses for December were \$1,798.64, income from all sources was \$3,997.25. The 2017 expenses were \$40,379.26, substantially under budget. Jo-Ann also noted that the amount for December book sales will increase slightly from the reported \$571, since another deposit was made later in December. Pay Pal was used by some for on-line donations. In her line-by-line review of her report, Jo-Ann also explained that the check written to Molly was to reimburse her for a much-needed purchase: a sound system that can be used for performances, such as the marionette shows. In addition, Robert and Cheri agreed to assure that Linda Brink will receive a signed letter of thanks for contributing her winnings from the 50/50 raffle. The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

**Membership** Jo-Ann also provided a detailed Membership Report that included a wide range of information, including a comparison of the 2016/17 membership drive results with the recent 2017/18 membership campaign. Launched last month with about 2,450 mailings, the recent drive has to date netted \$14,828. Jo-Ann noted that we may see additional contributions through the month of January. She also noted that a total of 42 contributors have responded on-line using Pay Pal to make their contributions. These reports were distributed to the attendees and will be sent by

email to those who could not attend. The group expressed our collective gratitude for Jo-Ann's comprehensive presentation of this important information. The group concluded that it is likely this year we will see a total donation amount that is very close to the 2016/17 results.

**Fundraising** Jo-Ann is currently reserving a date for the 2018 Mondauk Park craft show, and it is expected to be held on Saturday, August 25 with a rain date of Sunday, August 26. Also, Cheri agreed to provide space on the shelves in the library conference room for the jewelry sale items.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

**Director's Report** Cheri offered an extensive review of the latest actions taken with regard to the space at 520 Virginia Drive. This week the Board of Commissioners appointed a Steering Committee consisting of 13 residents, plus Cheri, Rebecca and a consultant. This committee will meet to consider how to move forward to meet the township's needs using the additional property that has been secured in the Office Park. They will also be involved in various community engagement activities as the project moves forward. May 2019 is the target date for completion of this project, coinciding with the township's 200th anniversary. Cheri also advised that the Library will soon launch a customer satisfaction survey to gain additional information about the needs, priorities and other suggestions from the community. Additionally, the space management process will include other methods for community engagement, e.g., Cheri is working with a library consultant to develop a plan for obtaining feedback from various interest groups, including the library staff/Friends/Board, as well as interested members of the community. Cheri also described upcoming Library events, such as the county-wide author event in April featuring Amor Towles ("A Gentleman in Moscow"), Lisa See and Elin Hildebrand. She also advised that the library will begin loaning out some of the STEAM Lab equipment to cardholders in 2018.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Friends Board will be on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 1PM in the Library conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cathy Murphy,  
For Joan Chinitz, Secretary