

**Minutes of the Board Meeting
Friends of the J.R. Van Pelt Library
Thursday, January 14th, 2010**

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Present: Deb Charlesworth, Sue DesRochers, Eloise Haller, Karen Hubbard, Amy Hughes, Faith Morrison, Terry Reynolds, Dana Richter, Dick Rupley, Ellen Seidel, Patricia Van Pelt, Rhianna Williams

Absent: Don Durfee, Mary Marchaterre, Sandy Lewin, Dee Vincent

Chairperson, Amy Hughes, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Minutes

- The minutes of the November 5th, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion by Dana and seconded by Karen.
- The December 5th, 2009 meeting was a work bee held from 3-5p.m.

2. Treasurer Report (Terry Reynolds)

- Terry Reynolds presented the FVPL Treasurer Reports for December, 1, 2009 and for January 1, 2010. Account balance is \$17,527.29. The treasurer's reports were reviewed and approved. Motion by Karen and seconded by Faith.
- Terry Reynolds had received a list from the Tech Fund of donors to FVPL in 2009.

3. Old Business

- **Annual Book Sale**
This will be held Thursday April 8, and Friday April 9, 2010. Eloise has posters in hand but Amy Hughes will get necessary approval for the design for table tents which should go to print March 4th.
 - Eloise has press releases ready and will give to TV and Radio etc. She asked for a personal contact at the DMG. Patricia will try and provide.
- **Work Bees**
February 4th, 3-5, preparation for winter carnival hot chocolate sale.
March 27th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with pizza, in preparation for Annual Sale. Appreciation to Deb who has procured wonderful boxes for the book sale and handsome calculators.
- **Winter Carnival**
Saturday, February 6th, 2010.
Amy Hughes sent around a sign-up sheet for serving and cookies which she will post on the internet.

Eloise provided posters. Karen Hubbard took some for distribution in Hancock and all were encouraged to take them and post them. Terry Reynolds will provide change box with appropriate change. Cards will be sold at 50 cents each, 12 for \$6 and books etc. at the new prices.

4. New Business

- **Friends of Michigan Libraries** request for board member. Amy Hughes had researched this request and found that it concerned Friends groups supporting Public Libraries. Amy will write with regrets.

5. Informational/Open Items

- **Book Cart**
Terry Reynolds reported that current sales are above 2009.
- **Econo Receipts**
Terry Reynolds reported that these are down from 2009. The box is on the front desk in the library.
- **Financial Audit**
This has not been attended to yet and Terry will wait for Mary's return.
- **Setting up Friends' store on the MTU techshop web site**
Amy reported that Matt Buss has contacted Don and that this is coming.
- **Newsletter**
News items should be sent to Faith by March 4th. Ellen Seidel will write an item on the Presentation Technology Software for the newsletter.
- **Library Director Search**
Ellen Seidel reported that the search is back to square one. There is one previous application pending and if that does not develop they will repost the position. Dr. Wastawy has accepted a position at Illinois State University.

6. Suggested Projects for the Friends of the Van Pelt Library

- Ellen Seidel presented a list (attached)
The Board was not interested in 'audio-books' nor DVD movies as not being within their mission.
- A request from the Director's Office to produce a Guide to the library was enthusiastically supported. A request to the Director to come back to the board with a project plan was proposed by Faith and seconded by Karen. It was felt that this should be a quality product, visually designed with a pdf. version as well. A figure of \$1500 was projected for printing.
- Proposed by Patricia and seconded by Faith to increase the Archives Research Travel Award from the current \$1500 to \$2,000. Put to the vote and passed.

- **Ulla Aatsiniki**
Interest was expressed in having a follow-up presentation by Ulla. Faith will e-mail Sue and Pat Martin, her sponsors, to see if a joint session might be of interest.
- **Web page**
Deb will re-contact the instructor to inquire if there are students available to work on the Web page.

The meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 4th, 2010 at 4pm.**