

Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library Meeting – 14-Oct-2008

A meeting of the Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, in Conference Room 201 of the library. Marcia Dillon, Danna Levy and Tom Weaver sent regrets that they were unable to attend the meeting.

In attendance were Eileen Lynch, Joy Naquin, Larry Nagengast, Lois Myoda, Mary Bowler and Kristie Moore. Eileen Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:09pm. Sharon Riddick and Claire Kantar arrived as the meeting was in progress.

Approval of September minutes

On motion of Sharon, seconded by Lois, the board approved the September, 2008, minutes as Emailed.

Treasurer's report

Eileen reported that we currently have about \$53,000 in both accounts. Since there is not much spending going on, the board was willing to consider investment opportunities. On the suggestion of Tom (at a previous meeting), the board decided to look into funding an endowment through the Delaware Community Foundation. It only takes \$10,000 to start an account. Mary will contact someone to make a presentation at the November meeting.

Lois mentioned that the sign for the holocaust collection is not easily visible. The board may want to fund posters and/or improved signage, or otherwise draw attention to the collection. Lois will meet with Tom and get an idea of what the cost would be and report at the next meeting.

Library Manager's report

Tom Weaver was unable to attend the meeting.

Survey on meeting dates and times

Larry reported briefly on the results of the meeting survey. A copy of the survey results is submitted with these minutes. The most popular meeting time was 7:00pm. Almost everyone has a problem with one day or another, with the first half of the month the least popular. The most-frequently mentioned meeting day was the third Tuesday. On motion of Mary, seconded by Larry, the board agreed to schedule future meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7pm. After a brief discussion, the consensus was that the upstairs conference room works better as a meeting location than the cafe.

Vietnam mailbag arrangements

The date for the event is Thursday, November 20. A reception with light refreshments will be held from 6:30-7:00pm. The meeting will be held upstairs from 7-8:30pm. There are no plans to conduct an audio-visual program this time. A couple of veterans who were profiled in the book will be present. Mary will make arrangements for refreshments, and would appreciate

any board members who can arrive around 6:00 pm to help with setup. Plans are being made to accommodate about 50 people.

Annual Elections

Eileen advised us to think about what needs to be done in selecting board members. The officers are important for the administrative duties; remaining board members can serve in whatever capacity is needed.

Kristie and Mary volunteered to serve as the nominating committee. Kristie will contact Kathy MacDonough; if Kathy is interested and available, Kathy will join the nominating committee.

Sharon will put an announcement on the web site that openings on the board are available. Kristie will post an announcement in the next newsletter about board openings, and will give Tom a letter to post in the staff room, so that we can get nominations from library staff. Kay Bowes may be able to give us the name of a high school student who would be interested in serving as a board member.

The nominating committee will report on the proposed slate of board members at the November, 2008, meeting.

Delaware Humanities Forum

Claire reported that there is a lot of material on Delaware Humanities Forum web site. The DHF is a private organization which operates on federal government grants. Membership in DHF is available at no charge; speakers are \$50 each, payable when the speaker is booked. Forms for booking speakers are available online. There is a broad selection of speakers available for a variety of topics.

Larry suggested that the Friends may want to sponsor a speaker once per calendar quarter. Kristie suggested talking with the librarians, so that we can schedule programs that will complement the library's current offerings. Claire asked board members to visit the Forum's web site and think about which program(s) we might be interested in.

Barefoot Books

Joy passed around copies of the Email from a local bookseller who has offered a fund-raising opportunity to the Friends, to be held during the membership drive. The offer includes a gift basket to be raffled by the Friends, and a portion of the book sales generated by handing out flyers during the membership drive. A copy of the Email is submitted with these minutes. After some discussion, on motion of Sharon, seconded by Claire, the board will decline the fund-raising offer. Joy will notify the bookseller via Email.

On motion of Sharon, seconded by Larry, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy A. Naquin
FBHL Secretary