

## **Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library Meeting – 14-Apr-2009**

A meeting of the Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, in the staff lounge of the library. In attendance were Jim Conrad, Joy Naquin, Kristie Moore, Larry Nagengast, Mary Bowler, Agnes Galvin, and Danna Levy. Also in attendance was Library Manager Diana Brown and guest, John Stevesson. President Jim Conrad called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

### **Approval of March minutes**

On motion of Mary, seconded by Larry, the board approved the March, 2009, minutes as Emailed.

### **Communications**

The April newsletter has been mailed. The June newsletter is in the works. There will be a feature article about Kay Lacy. The committee is working with John on getting Email notifications set up. Our web site has been moved to a new server, intended for use by library organizations. John has set up a contact page where members can subscribe or unsubscribe from the Friends' electronic mailing list.

### **Status of the Delaware Community Foundation**

Mary asked the board what the concerns are about setting up an endowment fund with DCF. Matching funds are still available and the publicity may also attract donations. Mary will send an Email to the board asking for clarification about questions/concerns. The board will discuss this further at a future meeting.

### **Library Manager's Report**

Diana Brown expressed appreciation for all that the Friends organization is doing in support of the Library. The county council is getting letters from citizens who are not willing to pay more taxes in order to maintain services. If there are library users who are willing to pay more taxes in order to keep the library functioning as usual, they will need to express this opinion by writing letters to the county council and/or to the *News Journal*. The budget (with 8 per cent reductions) was presented at the council meeting. The budget will be voted on in May, 2009.

The manager position at BHL has been funded, but cannot be filled until the hiring freeze is lifted. Due to the public's response to the reduction in operating hours, the library may be open on Sundays again in the fall. Sunday opening will require the library to be closed on a weekday.

The late Tom Weaver has been honored with the Delaware Library Association's Distinguished Librarian Citation. Diana thanked Jim and John for nominating Tom for this award. Diana plans to attend the ceremony to accept the award and will also see to it that the award reaches Tom's family.

**Book Activity**

Kristie reminded everyone that the adult's book club meets once a month to discuss books of all genres.

**DLA Legislative Day**

Jim Conrad is planning to attend the Delaware Legislative Day later this month and will gladly car-pool with anyone else who is available to attend.

**Other Business**

The 2009 membership drive continues for the rest of this week. The first day of the membership drive brought in over \$1900. The board will be meeting in Room 107 (the former cafe) for the rest of 2009.

In the absence of further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy A. Naquin  
FBHL Secretary