

## **Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library Meeting – 09-Jun-2009**

A meeting of the Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, in the library. In attendance were Jim Conrad, Joy Naquin, Mary Bowler, Larry Nagengast, Lois Myoda, Kristie Moore, Claire Kantar and Danna Levy. Also in attendance were Library Manager Diana Brown and guest Carol Okeson. Jim Conrad called the meeting to order at 7pm.

### **Approval of minutes**

On motion of Lois, seconded by Kristie, the board approved the April, 2009, minutes with one correction – John Stevenson attended the meeting as a guest. On motion of Lois, seconded by Mary, the board approved the May, 2009, minutes as Emailed.

### **Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting. Treasurer's reports will be addressed at a future meeting.

### **Library Manager's report**

Diana has accepted the Distinguished Librarian Award given to the late Tom Weaver. The plaque and the certificate were passed around for viewing by the board members.

The county is developing new structure and procedures geared to the appropriate expenditures for different sources of funds. The county has created an umbrella fund through the Delaware Community Foundation. We can expect to hear about funding initiatives over the next few months; spending on wishlist items will be tabled until more information is available.

The "love your library" campaign is geared towards increasing money in the book budget. The goal is to raise \$100,000. The county is pooling resources to create a large fund for book purchases. It is expected that the county will be asking the Friends to contribute. This may become an annual fundraising effort.

Diana reported that the recent Friends' newsletter has resulted in two new volunteers for the book sale initiative. The library is re-examining the book sale process. After considerable discussion, the following consensus was reached--

- Continue to sell most book donations via the book sale, as is currently being done. This is for book valued up to \$30.
- The books (valued between \$30 and \$100) will be sold via the Better World Books web site presented to the board last month. Diana will ask Jeanne Benzel to set up the account so that the monies go into the existing book sale account.
- The rare and antique books valued over \$100 can be sold through an online book merchant. Carol has a resource who is willing to provide this service at a reasonable cost. Board members can investigate additional resources, if desired. Carol will provide a list of the valuable book titles by the end of summer, 2009.

The Academy of Lifelong Learning has offered access to a number of programs for Friends members. Diana passed around the list of programs so that interested board members can sign up for the programs they wish to attend. No tickets are needed; Diana will turn in the list of attendees.

New Castle County is revitalizing its volunteer program and seeking new volunteers. The county has created a handbook that the library will be using in training of volunteers.

## **Old Business**

**Membership Drive.** Details were covered in the latest newsletter.

**Staff appreciation luncheon.** Mary has graciously taken over the planning of the luncheon in Marcia's absence. Mary asked board members to bring desserts, as usual. The luncheon is scheduled for June 11. Any help with set-up and serving would be greatly appreciated.

**Microwave purchase.** Jim recently replaced the staff's microwave oven, on Diana's request. On motion of Claire, seconded by Danna, the board approved up to \$100 to reimburse Jim.

**Office telephone.** There was a problem with the phone in the Friends' office, resolved free of charge by contacting the right repairman, with Diana's help.

**Children's book program.** Mary announced that the programs for the pink locker books have been scheduled for September 25 and October 23. The author will be available for discussion at the second meeting. The program has been advertised in the county program guide.

## **New Business**

**Meeting attendance.** In light of the problems the board has faced with achieving a quorum at the monthly board meetings, the board may want to revise the by-laws to include an expectation that board members must attend at least a specified number of board meetings. Any board member who does not attend the required number of meetings would not be re-nominated for membership on the board and may be asked to resign.

Since the by-laws could use updating in other areas, as well, Larry volunteered to come up with a proposal for modifications to the by-laws. All board members are asked to review the by-laws and provide feedback to Larry by July 4. Larry will write up a proposal for changes to the by-laws, to be distributed to board members by August, 2009, and to be reviewed at the September meeting. The proposed changes will then be communicated to the Friends' membership and voted on at a subsequent meeting.

In the absence of further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy A. Naquin, Secretary  
Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library