

## **Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library Meeting – 10-November-2009**

A meeting of the Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, in Room 106 of the library. In attendance were Jim Conrad, Joy Naquin, Larry Nagengast, Lois Myoda, Kristie Moore, Danna Levy, Sharon Riddick, Agnes Galvin and Claire Kantar, along with guest Jim Scanlan. Library Manager Diana Brown was in attendance for a part of the meeting. President Jim Conrad called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

### **Approval of October minutes**

On motion of Jim, the board approved the October, 2009, minutes as Emailed.

### **Treasurer's report**

Treasurer Marcia Dillon was unable to attend the meeting.

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

Diana handed out copies of the Library Manager's report for November, 2009. A copy of the report is submitted with these minutes.

Highlights of Diana's remarks are as follows:

- The Library recently completed its first foray into a "Love Your Library" campaign. Total donations are expected to exceed \$30,000. The Library created a poster with a listing of all significant donors; the board requested that the board remain on display in the lobby for a while. Jim reported that he was successful at obtaining a letter from the County Pride president acknowledging the Friends' donation of \$10,000.
- All monies available to the Library for book purchases have been committed on purchase orders.
- The state of the economy is affecting the Library and fiscal year 2011 is expected to be worse.
- The Library received a \$5,000 donation from a recently-deceased patron who used to work for the *News Journal*. The Library is looking for good uses for the money, and would welcome involvement from the Friends.
- Attendance for adult programs has lapsed; Diana hopes that the Friends can help improve attendance at adult programs.
- The nature of publishing is changing dramatically; it is expected that a changeover to electronic format is imminent. This will result in many changes for the Library.
- Diana will share the quarterly statistics with the Friends as soon as they are approved.

### **Memorial Request**

In reponse to a request from a patron who wanted to donate a tree to the Library in memoriam of her late brother the board suggested that we offer to place a plaque in front of one of the trees planted in the front landscaping. The donation would be \$1000. Lois has shared the information with the donor and is awaiting her response.

## **Bricks**

Jim is still actively pursuing assistance from Kathy MacDonough. Diana confirmed that the county will continue to install bricks as done in the past; we will have to be patient with the scheduling.

## **Changes to By-Laws**

Larry will make the final changes as per our October meeting and send the proposed revisions to John Stevenson for posting on the web site some time this week. There will also be a notice in the next newsletter about the proposed changes to the by-laws.

## **Newsletter**

The next newsletter is in progress and will go out before Thanksgiving. There will be information about the upcoming board elections and the proposed changes to the by-laws. Larry reminded the board that newsletter articles need to be submitted no later than Friday.

## **Nominating Committee**

Kristie presented the following proposed slate for the December, 2009, board elections:

President: Jim Conrad

Secretary: Joy Naquin

Directors: Larry Nagengast, Jim Scanlan and Anne Hitchcock

The board will continue the annual tradition of bringing light refreshments to the annual meeting, with leftovers to be donated to the library staff.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

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