

Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library Meeting – 08-December-2009

A meeting of the Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library was held on Tuesday, December 08, 2009, in Room 107 of the library. In attendance were Jim Conrad, Joy Naquin, Kristie Moore, Lois Myoda, Larry Nagengast, Marcia Dillon, Sharon Riddick, Claire Kantar and Agnes Galvin. Also in attendance were members Jim Scanlan, Ann Hitchcock, Jack Yeatman and Brian Billings and Library Manager Diana Brown.

Jim called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Thank you notes

Jim read the following thank-you notes to the Friends that were received recently:

- From the Library staff, thanking us “for all we do”.
- From Kay Lacey, thanking the Friends for their help with Mrs. Lacey’s retirement party.
- From Anne Farley, General Manager, for the letter to the editor about the importance of libraries.

Approval of November minutes

On motion of Larry, seconded by Marcia, the board approved the November, 2009, minutes as Emailed.

Treasurer's report

Marcia reported that income from the copier has averaged \$28.92/every two months. There is a CD coming up for renewal soon.

Library Manager's report

- The self-checkout machines will be removed and put into storage, along with other broken equipment that cannot be repaired.
- There will be enhancements made to the public computers.
- It is not official yet but the library is working on an agreement with the state to become part of the Delaware library catalog. All library records and patron records will be merged into one database, which will become a state-wide system. Holds on materials by BHL users will be processed before those from other areas, so that materials do not travel more than necessary.
- There will be two major county-wide reading programs, in the spring and fall. The library will be developing programs around opera and music.
- Kay Bowes and Jeanne Benzel are preparing funding requests for the Friends, to be presented at the January meeting.
- The Library Advisory and Review Board has a couple of vacancies. Anyone interested in service should contact Diana.
- The used book sale is going well; the Library is planning to eliminate the table in the new book area.
- A barrel for Food Bank donations will be located in the lobby of the library and appropriately labeled.

By-Laws

Larry briefly reviewed the work that has been done on the by-laws over the past six months. This is the first significant revision in to the by-laws in ten years. The revisions are intended to clear up redundancies, clarify issues that were not clear, and make changes that will facilitate the board's operations. The proposed revisions have been posted on the Friends' web site for review by members. On motion of Claire, seconded by Lois, the board approved the by-laws as posted on the web site. The vote was 9-3 in favor of the motion.

Bricks

Larry reported that he received a phone call from Kathy in which she promised to resolve all remaining questions about brick orders. Kathy intends to call all patrons with unfilled brick orders, verify the orders and place the order with the brick manufacturer; all of this is to be completed prior to the January, 2010, meeting. The board still needs to decide the future of the brick program; this discussion was deferred to a future meeting. On motion of Claire, seconded by Larry, Jim and Larry will get in touch with Kathy to request turnover of the brick ordering information, including the database, as soon as possible, but no later than the next meeting.

Board Elections

The proposed slate for 2009 elections is as follows:

President: Jim Conrad

Secretary: Joy Naquin

Director: Ann Hitchcock

Director: Lois Myoda (Lois was serving an even-year term; she is moving to an odd-year term with this election)

Director: Larry Nagengast

Director: Jim Scanlan

On motion of Larry, seconded by Marcia, the members elected the slate as proposed.

Other Business

Jim announced the dates of National Library Week (April 11-17, 2010) and asked board members to be ready to begin planning the membership drive in earnest at the January meeting.

Jim would like to delegate business to committees, who would conduct some investigation and planning and report back to the board. Larry asked Jim to announce his desired list of committees and ask for volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. The meeting attendees enjoyed light refreshments for the remainder of the evening.

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