

Meeting Minutes, Friends of the Durham Library Board
5 March 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Board Room, Main Library

Attending Board Members: Jeff Laufenberg, presiding; Vicki Hertz, Jacqueline Matthews, Wendell Musser, Marge Nordstrom, Aviva Starr, Andre Vann, Ann Wilder, Bob Wilkinson.

Also attending: Anastasia Bush, Library Grant Writer

Call to Order

Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the February 2008 meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Jeff reporting for Mary)

Year-to-date income:	\$35,673.17
Year-to-date expenses:	\$38,701.16
Currently available funds:	\$45,763.03

The Board approved the report.

Standing Committee Reports

Book Sale (Jane)

Jane was not present. Aviva reported ample volunteer resources for the April book sale, and scheduling is in order.

Satellite book sales at Southwest, North Regional, and Parkwood are generating income.

Membership (Vicki)

Vicki reported the following current membership numbers:

Adult	158
Family	82
Life	51
Patron	3
Senior	48
Sustaining	11
Youth	2
Friend Donor	10
Foundation Donor	949
TOTAL	1314

Marge reported progress with plans to notify (by mail) Friends members whose memberships have expired. Those members will receive reminder notices to renew their memberships. As currently planned, the mailings will occur prior to each of the three annual book sales.

Nominating (Marge and Ann)

In response to Marge's request, Ann assumed the role of committee chair. Ann encouraged Board members to submit candidates for the Board. Terms of three members expire this year.

Liaison Reports

Liaison to the Durham Library Foundation (Vicki)

The Foundation has not met since the last report. Stasi reported that the house that was donated to the Foundation is soon going on the market.

Liaison to the Durham Library Board of Trustees (Wendell)

Wendell was unable to attend the February meeting. Stasi reported that issues surrounding Trustees and staff relationships, which were discussed at the December meeting, are now officially closed, and the Trustees are moving forward with Library business.

Old Business

Update on the Status of the Book Sale Shed (Marge)

The site for the new shed is almost ready, requiring only limbing of a tree. The shed is 12' by 30', with doors and ramps at both ends. The cost is in the \$7,000 to \$8,000 range, which is less than originally anticipated. Delivery of the shed is scheduled for Monday, 18 March.

The Board agreed to present lifetime Friends memberships to Charles Nickelson and Dan Jewell, in appreciation for their *pro bono* work on the shed project.

Funding Staff Proposals

In consideration of the Friends current financial status, the Board approved release of funds for the following proposals:

- Manuscripts Processing
- Volunteer Coordination Program
- Book Club Kits
- Video Gaming for Teens
- Library Youth Partnership

Staff members can now begin invoicing for these programs.

New Business

May Friends Board Meeting

The May meeting, scheduled for 7 May, conflicts with Library Staff Development Day. All libraries are closed on that date. The Board agreed to reschedule the meeting for 14 May.

Library News

Stasi distributed copies of the newly published *Best of Friends* newsletter and called attention to the following:

- Details of the Poetry for Everyone events, which will occur in April, are now available at the Durham County Library Web site, www.durhamcountylibrary.org/index.php.
- The Roving Computer Classes, which are described in the *Best of Friends*, are a direct result of the Board's technology challenge grant.
- A program calendar is now available at the Library Web site.

Announcements

Stasi is finalizing the Friends application for a Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA) award.

Adjournment

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:35.

Submitted by

Jacqueline Matthews