

Meeting Minutes, Friends of the Durham Library Board
6 January 2010, 7:30 p.m.
Conference Room, Main Library

Attending Board Members: Aviva Starr, presiding; Mary Auen; Roz Grace, Vicki Hertz; Tara Lake; Gerry Larson; Jeff Laufenberg; Wendell Musser; Martha Scotford; Andre Vann; Bobbie Walters-Brown; Ann Wilder; Angela Zoltners.

Also attending: Skip Auld, Library Director.

Call to Order

Aviva Starr called the board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The board approved the minutes for the December 2009 meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

Mary reported the following for FY 2009-2019 year-to-date:

Year-to-date income:	\$58,341.06
Carryover	\$24,000.00
Total Year-to-date Income	\$82,341.06
Year-to-date expenses:	\$60,285.85

Mary also reported the following for December 2009:

Monthly income:	\$5,559.48
Monthly expenses:	\$2,033.49
Checking account balance	\$10,455.69
Savings account balance	\$82,801.33

The board approved the treasurer's report.

Standing Committee Reports

Book Sale (Angela)

Planning is moving forward for the April sale. The North regional library satellite sale is doing quite well.

Membership (Vicki)

Vicki reported the following membership numbers for November 30, 2009:

Adult	199
Senior	70
Life	59
Patron	4
Sustaining	27
Youth	3
Family	153
Friend Donor	6
Foundation Donor	805
Total	1326

Nominating (Bobbie)

The nominating committee will be interviewing two potential board members next Tuesday (Jan 12), from 5:30 to 6:30. Please let Bobbie know if you are interested in participating in the interview.

Scholarship Committee (Roz)

The Scholarship Committee met prior to the board meeting. When Stasi and Joyce are back in the office after their vacations, the committee will give them the scholarship application and criteria for this year. Applications are due March 31 and the scholarship winners will be determined by April 30.

Skip commented that there will be a half-day Staff Day on May 12, which will be attended by 20-30 new staff members, who will be hired to staff the South and Southwest regional libraries and fill existing open positions. Staff Day would be a good day to make the scholarship announcement.

Liaison Reports

Liaison to the Durham Library Foundation (Angela)

There will be no Foundation meeting in January, as the capital campaign feasibility study is taking long than anticipated. The next meeting will be in February.

Liaison to the Durham Library Board of Trustees (Wendell)

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, Jan 5. During the meeting, the trustees approved changes designed to improve the efficiency of the board. The Board of Trustees will now meet every other month, and committees will meet in the off months. The board will also discontinue some committees that are no longer needed. Wendell reminded the Board of Trustees that Jane Goodridge will be recognized at the county Board of Commissioners meeting on January 11 at 7:30.

Old Business

Tote Bags

Stasi will report on the tote bag project when she returns from vacation.

Duke Friends: Donation Day

Gerry reported that the Duke Library Friends meet on January 13. Gerry will let the Duke Friends take the lead as to when and where we should have a book donation day at Duke. The consensus of the board is that the best time to have the donation days would be just before commencement day (which is May 15 & 16 at NCCU and Duke, respectively), when students are moving out of the dorms. It may be best to have the book collections on a weekday, which may create some problems in recruiting volunteers. However, we have a long list of people who wish to volunteer for the library, so we should be able find enough volunteers to staff collection points at Duke, NCCU, and the library garage, along with volunteers who will transport books back to the library. Andre will work out the details with NCCU.

Duke: Community Day

Gerry reported that she hasn't heard anything about future Community Days at Duke Hospital.

Recognition of Library Staff

Ann will investigate options for cookie trays or other treats for staff and will report at the February board meeting.

New Business

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is tentatively planned for June 2 at the Southwest Regional library, which is scheduled to reopen on May 24. Ann suggested that we may be able to involve the local community in some kind of opening event.

Library News (Skip)

Hot Spot Cafe

Joel White has received quotes for the Hot Spot vending machines, and has now decided that purchasing the machines, instead of leasing them, is the best way to go. We will need to have board members, volunteers, and staff members all working to see that the Hot Spot machines are stocked and kept in good order.

Last night the Board of Trustees amended the library Rules of Courteous Conduct to expand the areas in the library where food and drinks are allowed.

Mary asked how money will be handled. Who will be responsible for removing money from the machines and making sure that the machines have adequate change?

After the meeting was adjourned, Skip met with interested board members in the Hot Spot area to show us how the area will be laid out.

Art at South Regional

Thomas Sayre will be creating a piece of artwork for South Regional, which will be paid for by a grant from the Herdon Foundation. The artwork, which will be outside the library building, will feature a series of rectangular earth castings.

Feasibility Study

The capital campaign feasibility study is proceeding. Potential donors are being shown renderings of enhancements that could be made to the Main library if sufficient funds are raised.

Humanities Programs

Humanities programming begins again on January 10 with a presentation about Bayard Wootten, North Carolina woman photographer.

The library is launching a new program of Durham Library Foundation Humanities Program Supporters to recognize patrons who frequently attend humanities programs.

ALA Meeting

Skip will be a presenter at the ALA meeting in Boston next week. He will speak on frontline advocacy. The Durham library has a national reputation for strategic planning that has given staff a role in decision making.

UNC Award

Skip delivered the commencement speech at the UNC Library School December commencement. He was awarded the UNC Library School Distinguished Alumnus Award

Adjournment

Aviva adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 3 at 7:30 pm at the Main Library.

Submitted by Vicki Hertz