

Meeting Minutes, Friends of the Durham Library Board
7 January 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Board Room, Main Library

Attending Board Members: Bobbie Walters-Brown, presiding; Mary Auen; Roz Grace; Vicki Hertz; Gerry Larson; Wendell Musser; Martha Scotford; Aviva Starr; Angela Zoltners.

Also attending: Anastasia Bush, Library Grant Writer

Call to Order

Bobbie Walters-Brown called the board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The board approved the minutes of the December 2008 meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

Mary reported the following for 2008-2009 year-to-date:

Year-to-date income:	\$57,540.37
Year-to-date expenses:	\$55,754.71

Mary also reported the following for December 2008:

Monthly income:	\$5,893.98
Monthly expenses:	\$25,822.93

Mary noted that expenses for the month included \$6,852.15 for the LCD projectors that were approved as part of the 2007-2008 budget and \$16,251.49 for purchase of the van that was approved at the November meeting.

The board approved the treasurer's report.

Standing Committee Reports

Book Sale (Jane)

Angela reported that the sorters are processing the books that have been discarded from Southwest. The sorters will be working two mornings a week as they begin sorting book that have been culled from Parkwood and Main.

Membership (Vicki)

Vicki reported the following membership numbers for December 31:

Adult	207
Senior	74
Life	56
Patron	1
Sustaining	29
Youth	6
Family	139
Friend Donor	9
Foundation Donor	<u>871</u>
Total	1393

Nominating (Ann)

No report.

Liaison Reports

Liaison to the Durham Library Foundation (Jeff)

No report.

Liaison to the Durham Library Board of Trustees (Wendell)

No report. The trustees will be meeting on Tuesday, Jan 13.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Wrap-a-Rama

Stasi reported that we didn't wrap as many books as we thought we would, but the wrap-a-rama had a big impact on sales. Recommendations for next year include new signage, permanent book displays with a place to display Friends membership brochures, promotion of the satellite sales at the regular book sales, and some kind of promotion of the satellite sales during the holiday gift-giving season.

The consensus was that we do not need a new wrap-a-rama committee, but Martha and Gerry will continue to work with Stasi to develop ways of promoting the satellite sales. Gerry will research possible permanent book display fixtures. Martha suggested that next year we could give away fancy holiday bookmarks with satellite sale purchases. The bookmarks could advertise the regular sales and emphasize the "green" aspect of the Friends book sales.

NC Solicitation License

The Friends have applied for and received a NC Solicitation License. The license will cost about \$50 per year. The cost is dependent on the amount of money that we raise, and we are currently at the lowest fee level. The license must be renewed annually on November 15.

Best of Friends

Best of Friends will be coming out in February. The issue will include an article about the donated van. Stasi displayed a proposed design for the graphics to be applied to the van. Martha made several suggestions for making the "Friends of the Durham Library" lettering more visible.

Best of Friends will also include a graphic article on the cycle of a donated book and a list of current Friends members. For the first time, members who have Life, Patron or Sustaining memberships, or who gave an additional donation to the Friends, will be listed separately from the general list. The general list will include members who received a Friends membership by donating to the Foundation. The board members agreed that featuring these higher membership levels may encourage members to renew their memberships at a higher level or give an additional donation to the Friends.

Scholarship Project

Roz presented the scholarship documents that she, Wendell, Jeff, and Joyce McNeill completed. The board voted to approve the scholarship program. A maximum of four \$2,500 scholarships per year will be granted for two years beginning in the fiscal year 2009-2010. The board members commended Roz and her committee for their hard work and quick turn around on the scholarship documents.

Library News

No report.

Adjournment

Bobbie adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Vicki Hertz