

Meeting Minutes, Friends of the Durham Library Board
3 March 2010, 7:15 p.m.
Auditorium, Main Library

Attending Board Members: Aviva Starr, presiding; Mary Auen; Betty Danielson, Roz Grace, Vicki Hertz; Janet Hessling; Tara Lake; Gerry Larson; Jeff Laufenberg; Wendell Musser; Rob Rabb; Martha Scotford; Andre Vann; Ann Wilder; Angela Zoltners

Also attending: Skip Auld, Library Director; Anastasia Bush, Grant Writer.

Call to Order

Current board members greeted new members Betty Danielson and Rob Rabb at 7:15. Aviva Starr called the board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The board approved the minutes for the February 2010 meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

Mary reported the following for FY 2009-2010 year-to-date:

Year-to-date income:	\$67,929.61
Carryover	\$24,000.00
Total Year-to-date Income	\$91,929.61
Year-to-date expenses:	\$77,696.20

Mary also reported the following for February 2010:

Monthly income:	\$4,630.72
Monthly expenses:	\$3,972.02
Checking account balance	\$7,607.44
Savings account balance	\$77,827.78

The board approved the treasurer's report.

Standing Committee Reports

Book Sale (Angela)

Sorting continues for the April sale. Gerry passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteer cashiers. Board members have made several pickups of large book donations. Stasi emailed the sale flyer to everyone for posting and distribution.

The Durham Public Schools (DPS) has a program called Bookmark, which has a goal of distributing books to students in low-income schools. The organizers of Bookmark have approached the Friends, asking if the Friends would work with them at the Spring sale. The Bookmark people would like customers to buy books at the sale and contribute them to the Bookmark program. The board voted to allow the Bookmark people to set up a table on Saturday, where they can solicit donations of books and cash. The Bookmark people must provide their own volunteers and take care of any donations they get, and the Friends volunteers won't have time to help them.

Membership (Vicki)

Vicki reported the following membership numbers for February 28, 2010:

Adult	195
Senior	78
Life	59
Patron	4
Sustaining	26
Youth	3
Family	149
Friend Donor	6
Foundation Donor	<u>739</u>
Total	1259

Nominating (Bobbie)

No report.

Scholarship Committee (Roz)

Applications are due March 31, but no one has applied and it doesn't appear that anyone will apply before the deadline. One of the scholarship recipients from this year will be continuing with her studies next year.

Liaison Reports

Liaison to the Durham Library Foundation (Angela)

The capital campaign feasibility study is complete, and the Foundation development committee is holding a series of meetings to determine whether the Foundation should move forward with the campaign. Initially, the Foundation was thinking in terms of a \$6 million campaign, but the consultants have indicated that \$1.5 million would be a more feasible number. Of the proposed projects to be funded by the campaign, a children's area above the bookmobile garage and a greatest needs fund generated the most interest, while a rooftop garden garnered the least interest. If the Foundation Board proceeds with a capital campaign, they want to have a reasonable goal that they can be fairly sure of meeting.

The capital campaign would fund projects related to the Main Library renovation that could not be funded in other ways. The county council will decide in March 2011 whether Main Library renovation should be included in a November 2011 bond referendum.

Assuming that the capital campaign will go forward, the Foundation is looking for community leaders to serve on the campaign board. Suggestions for campaign board members should be passed to Willis Whichard.

Liaison to the Durham Library Board of Trustees (Wendell)

Wendell attended the annual Durham Chamber of Commerce luncheon along with Skip Auld and members of the library staff.

Old Business

Tote Bags

The tote bag design is complete and bags may be available in time to sell at the April book sale. Bags will sell for \$12. (Note: Stasi later emailed the board to state that Gina Rozier felt that \$10 would be an appropriate price.) The board will consider using the tote bags as a membership premium, perhaps at the October sale (for example, a tote bag could be given as a premium with the purchase of a Sustaining or higher membership).

Duke Friends: Donation Day

Plans are progressing for the book drive at Duke on April 22 from 11 am to 3 pm. The library marketing department has prepared an ad, which will run in the Chronicle. Cost will be \$280 for three days. Gerry passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Andre is planning a book drive at NCCU on April 29. He will get back to Aviva and Stasi regarding advertising, volunteers, and use of the Discoverymobile.

New Business

Purchase of Coin Counting Machine

The board voted to purchase coin-counting and bill-counting machines. Total approved budget is \$400.

Scholarship Program

The board voted to make the scholarship program a permanent line item in the budget. The maximum amount to be budgeted each year is \$10,000 (at a maximum, we could have two first-year scholarship recipients and two second-year scholarship recipients each year).

Library News (Skip)

The county will advertise 26 open library positions beginning Monday, March 8.

Southwest is now scheduled to open on May 24. South Regional Library is tentatively scheduled to open on June 22 or July 26. Depending on the South opening date, Parkwood will close at the end of May or the end of June.

On March 18-19, Durham will host a meeting of the Public Library Directors of North Carolina.

On March 28, Paul Tough, author of *Whatever it Takes*, a book about the Harlem Children's Zone, will speak at Holton school. This will be a joint presentation of the library, Glaxo SmithKline, and the Friends of the Stanford L. Warren Library. (This date was changed at Paul Tough's request to Sunday, May 16 at 3 p.m.)

Adjournment

Aviva adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 7 at **7:00 pm** in the Main Library **auditorium**. The 7:00 start will allow time to review spring proposals.

Submitted by Vicki Hertz