

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

Attending Board Members: Bobbie Walters-Brown, presiding; Jeff Anton; Mary Auen; Jane Goodridge; Roz Grace; Vicki Hertz; Gerry Larson; Wendell Musser; Marge Nordstrom; Martha Scotford; Aviva Starr; Andre Vann; Anne Wilder; Angela Zoltners.

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

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

The board approved the minutes of the October 2008 meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

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

Year-to-date income:	\$47,956.69
Year-to-date expenses:	\$23,017.50

Mary also reported the following for September 2008:

Monthly income:	\$28,621.74
Monthly expenses:	\$2,132.14

The board approved the treasurer's report.

Standing Committee Reports

Book Sale (Jane)

The October book sale was very successful, with an income of \$24,104.92. The book sorters will be working double time until Christmas to deal with all the books that are being discarded from the Southwest branch.

Membership (Vicki)

Vicki reported the following membership numbers for October 31:

Adult	232
Senior	78
Life	56
Patron	1
Sustaining	16
Youth	8
Family	139
Friend Donor	10
Foundation Donor	839
Total	1379

We sold a total of 79 memberships during the October book sale; 45 were new memberships and 34 were membership renewals. We sold 69 memberships on Friday, 8 on Saturday, and 2 on Sunday. We also have a new membership brochure, designed by Gina Rozier.

Nominating (Ann)

Nothing to report.

Liaison Reports

Liaison to the Durham Library Foundation (Jeff)

The Foundation board meets on November 24. Jeff attended the architect's presentation on Tuesday, November 11. His report is combined with Wendell's Board of Trustees report in these minutes.

Liaison to the Durham Library Board of Trustees (Wendell)

Wendell and Jeff presented the following notes on the presentation to the Board of Trustees and Foundation Board on November 11:

- A major renovation of the Main Library is planned, which will change the look of the building.
- The renovation project is based on a 20-year plan for library needs in downtown Durham.
- The existing structure will be completely gutted and rehabilitated.
- The renovated library will be an integral part of downtown, with a new entrance on Liberty Street.
- The Main library will act as a downtown regional library; holdings will be decreased while the number of computers and other electronics will be increased.
- There will be a net gain of 3,500 sq. ft., bringing the building's total square footage to 68,500 sq. ft.
- The estimated cost of the project has been inflation adjusted to \$14,200,000.
- Features will include a 2,300 sq. ft. climate-controlled garage space for the Friends, plus and additional 300 sq. ft. of retail space.
- The Friends will have to give up their shed.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Paula Poundstone

We had 35 entries in our drawing and gave away four pairs of tickets to Paula Poundstone's show. Stasi, along with Ann, Jeff, Martha, Vicki, and Mary worked at the Friends table the evening of the show. Jeff presented a life Friends membership to Ms. Poundstone, and we sold 36 books, yielding total proceeds of \$180.00

Wrap-a-Rama

Aviva passed around a sign-up sheet so Board members could volunteer to be captains at the various sale sites. Each captain will be responsible for picking up supplies downtown on Friday and setting up their assigned site before the sale begins on Saturday morning. They will go back to their sale site at 4:00 to gather supplies and tips and return them downtown.

Gerry indicated that several youth groups are available to volunteer for cashier shifts.

Marge and Jeff showed examples of books wrapped in fabrics. Fabric and paper wrapping will be offered at Main and North, while the other locations will offer paper only. "Friends 40th Anniversary" stickers have been printed and Martha obtained a good supply of ribbon.

We will have a final planning meeting for the wrap-a-rama on Wednesday, December 3, at 7:00. The regular December board meeting will begin at 7:30.

Book Sale Volunteer Coordinator

No one has volunteered to take over responsibility for coordinating cashier volunteers for the book sales.

Scholarship Project

Bobbie met with Joyce McNeil, who submitted a written proposal for library staff scholarships. In a discussion of the scholarship proposal, it was noted that there is nothing that obligates scholarship recipients to work for the library at the conclusion of their studies. Similarly, the library cannot guarantee that scholarship recipients will be able to obtain promotions or new jobs when they graduate. These scholarships would be aimed at people who are working on AA degrees. A two-year degree is seen as a stepping stone to jobs such as library assistant or staff assistant.

Jane questioned why County Commissioner Michael Page should be involved in a scholarship committee.

Marge questioned whether a scholarship would get the Friends involved in the library's "HR world." Skip said that the scholarship would not involve the Friends in library HR decisions.

Roz volunteered to lead a team of 3 people (Roz, Joyce, Wendell) to develop a scholarship policy.

Signature Projects

The board voted to fund the proposed van and media screen projects for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The award for the van project provides \$18,500 for the purchase of a used van to be used for day care visits with Get Set, Get Ready, Let's Read and also to transport teens to afterschool facilities where they can perform storytimes that they have developed. The award for the media screen project provides \$24,000 for the purchase of media screens for Main (2 screens), East, North, Parkwood, and SL Warren.

In addition, the Board approved in concept the proposal to begin staff scholarships in 2009, with the proviso that details about criteria and process be provided at the December 3 Board meeting.

The board voted to approve all three projects as a group. The vote was 8 ayes and 5 nays. In addition, a straw poll was taken on each project individually. The van project received 12 ayes and 1 nay; the media screen project received 11 ayes and 2 nays; and the scholarship project received 8 ayes and 5 nays.

Adjournment

Bobbie adjourned the meeting at 8:55.

Submitted by

Vicki Hertz