

Meeting Minutes, Friends of the Durham Library Board  
3 December 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; Wendell Musser; Marge Nordstrom; Martha Scotford; Aviva Starr; Ann Wilder.

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

### **Wrap-a-Rama**

Several Board members met with Stasi Bush at 7:00 p.m. to discuss final plans for the wrap-a-rama on Saturday, December 6.

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Introduction of Catherine Mau**

Skip Auld introduced Catherine Mau, the recently hired Deputy Library Director. Catherine heads up all public library services.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The board approved the minutes of the November 2008 meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report (Mary)**

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

Year-to-date income:	\$51,646.39
Year-to-date expenses:	\$29,931.78

Mary also reported the following for November 2008:

Monthly income:	\$3,689.70
Monthly expenses:	\$6,914.28

The board approved the treasurer's report.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### Membership (Vicki)

Vicki reported the following membership numbers for October 31:

Adult	205
Senior	72
Life	56
Patron	1
Sustaining	17
Youth	6
Family	131
Friend Donor	10
Foundation Donor	<u>818</u>
Total	1316

### **Liaison Reports**

#### Liaison to the Durham Library Foundation (Jeff)

The Foundation board met on November 24. The Herndon Foundation has announced a \$50,000 gift, which is the first payment in a \$100,000 contribution for the purpose of creating a

South Regional Library exterior art project “celebrating children, books, and learning.” This gift will be presented to and accepted by the Durham County Commissioners at their meeting on December 8. Foundation board member Carolyn London and art consultant Janet Kagen will create a call to North Carolina artists to submit project proposals.

The Foundation board has formalized a process for accepting grant requests, which should come exclusively from the library director.

Liaison to the Durham Library Board of Trustees (Wendell)

No report.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Scholarship Project

Roz and Wendell met with Joyce McNeill and made some changes to the Staff Proposal Submission Form that Joyce originally submitted. Board members had many questions regarding scholarship policies and procedures. For example:

- If students are successful during their first year of study, would their scholarships automatically be renewed for a second year? How is “successful” defined?
- Would the scholarships become a continuing budget line item?
- What are the criteria for selecting scholarship recipients? Wendell indicated that criteria such as a high school transcript, references, intellectual ability to complete the course of study, an interview, and a scholarship application were being considered.

Roz, Wendell, and Jeff agreed to meet prior to the January board meeting to write a more detailed scholarship policy and procedure document. If board members have questions that the document should address, they should send an email to Roz. The board will discuss the document and vote on whether or not they want to approve the scholarship program at the January meeting.

Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries Recognition Lunch

Bobbie and Stasi attended the Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries Recognition Lunch on November 8. Sally Reed, executive director of the Friends of Libraries USA was the featured speaker. Bobbie mentioned the following points made by Ms. Reed:

- Be visible and useful to the community.
- Work on positive ways to get more volunteers.
- Target community decision leaders in terms of supporting the library.
- Let new volunteers assume responsibilities.
- Develop volunteer job descriptions.
- Attend the annual Friends of North Carolina Libraries luncheon and learn about the interesting things that other Friends groups are doing.

**Library News**

Skip indicated that given current economic conditions, there almost certainly will not be a bond issue for the Main Library renovation on the November 2009 ballot. Possibly the bond issue could be on the November 2010 ballot. If funding other than a bond issue is found, the library could be closed from mid-2011 to mid-2012. If there is a delay in funding, the project could be pushed out one or two years.

During the renovation, there will be no temporary downtown library location and administrative offices will be moved to a temporary location. We need to be thinking about what we want to do about the book sales while the downtown location is closed. Skip mentioned Wake County, which has one sale a year at a donated location. During the year, books are sorted, boxed, and placed in trucks. When the trucks are full, they are stored until the sale.

Library Legislative Day will probably be in February or March. Board members are welcome to join the Durham County Library group. The group will meet with state legislators and encourage them to support libraries in the state.

**Adjournment**

Bobbie adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by

Vicki Hertz