

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

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

Also attending: Skip Auld, Library Director; 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 April 2009 meeting.

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

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

Year-to-date income:	\$106,847.45
Carryover	\$29,000.00
Total Year-to-date Income	\$135,847.45
Year-to-date expenses:	\$81,931.16

Mary also reported the following for April 2009:

Monthly income:	\$4,727.36
Monthly expenses:	\$12,397.18

Mary reported that the money allocated during 2007-2008 for the purchase of Interlibrary Loan software will not be spent, as the library has decided against purchasing this item. In addition, \$2,000 was left over after the purchase of the projectors. The sound is still not quite right in the Main library auditorium – the county General Service department is working on this problem, and it may require the purchase of a small piece of equipment to solve the problem.

Priscilla Lewis has met with county representatives regarding purchase of the video screens, but she has nothing to report at this time.

Mary has created a tentative 2009-2010 budget. She has increased the expenditure amounts for programs, including Adult Programs, Magic Tree, the Summer Reading Program, Reading Incentive, Youth Services, and Reading is Fundamental, but she wants to get approval from Jane Goodridge and Carol Walters for her book sale estimates before she finalizes the budget.

The board approved the treasurer's report.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### Book Sale (Angela)

The sorters recently met to discuss ideas for improving the book sales. Ideas included developing sources that we can tap into to obtain stock for the regular sales and selling bottled water, especially at the June sale.

#### Membership (Vicki)

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

Adult	248
Senior	89
Life	57
Patron	3
Sustaining	32
Youth	8
Family	172
Friend Donor	8
Foundation Donor	<u>722</u>
Total	1339

### Nominating (Angela)

Jeff Laufenberg, former president of the Friends of the Library, has replaced Jeff Anton on the board.

Angela presented the nominating committee's slate of officers for 2009-2010:

President: Aviva Starr

Vice President: Ann Wilder

Treasurer: Mary Auen will return as treasurer

Secretary: Vicki Hertz will return as secretary

Marge Nordstrom is going off the board and the nominating committee needs to find a replacement for her. If the proposed amendment to the by-laws is passed at the annual meeting in June, the board will have additional vacancies. Angela asked the board to make suggestions for prospective board members.

### Scholarship (Roz)

Two scholarships were awarded at a scholarship luncheon. Tonja Wall is working on her MLS at NCCU, and Ruth Finch is matriculating at UNC.

### **Liaison Reports**

#### Liaison to the Durham Library Foundation

No report. A replacement must be found for Jeff Anton, who was previously the Foundation liaison, but this can probably wait until September.

#### Liaison to the Durham Library Board of Trustees (Wendell)

Wendell attended a recent meeting of the board of trustees, where he was happy to share information about the Friends' success and commitment to the future of the library.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

#### Summer Reading Program

Joel White, manager of the Main library, made a presentation regarding his proposal for providing gift certificates to adults who complete the Summer Reading Program. The board voted to provide up to 1000 coupons to be distributed to adults who read a minimum of four books during the Summer Reading Program. The coupons, which will each have a value of \$3.00, can be redeemed at the Fall 2009 regular book sale.

#### ATC Contract

The board reviewed a draft version of a contract between Capital Broadcasting Company (CBC) and the Friends of the Durham Library (FODL) to have a permanent book sale at the American Tobacco Campus. CBC will provide constructed shelving and signage. FODL will provide a depository for book donations and a lockable cash box. FODL will service the book sale kiosk at least once per week.

Stasi Bush distributed drawings provided by local artist Alvin Frega for a book depository with integral cash box. The estimated cost for the depository is \$2500.00. The board voted to allocate \$2500.00 for the book depository and cash box.

Members of the board had several questions regarding the contract, including how is the agreement in effect, and when does the proposed non-compete clause end? If we have to go offsite with the Spring, Summer, and Fall book sales while the Main library is renovated, would we be violating the non-compete clause? Also, members want to make it clear that the book depository and cash box remain the property of the Friends.

Due to time constraints (CBC would like to have the satellite book sale in place by June 1), the board will approve the final contract by email.

### Durham Reads Together

Stasi Bush asked the Friends board to allocate \$5000 for the 2009 Durham Reads Together program. These funds would provide \$1800 for the purchase of 250 copies of "Something for the Pain," a \$2000 honorarium for author Paul Austin, and \$1200 to help underwrite printing of a promotional piece to be mailed to all active Friends members. This allocation would make the Friends the program's headline sponsor. In previous years, the NC Humanities Council has given the library a grant to help fund this program, but the Foundation has indicated that they will not be funding Durham Reads Together this year. The total cost of the program is about \$20,000, with some funding coming from the Durham Library Foundation and from Durham County. The board voted to allocate \$5000 for the program.

### **Library News**

Library usage has increased dramatically, especially computer use. The library continues to struggle with budget constraints. Ten million dollars had been allocated to the library for the next fiscal year, but the library will only be able to spend \$8.2 million. Significant staff restructuring will be required, but the Southwest and South libraries should open in the late spring or summer of 2010.

### **Adjournment**

Bobbie adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. The next Board meeting, which will be the Friends Annual Meeting, will be on Wednesday, June 3, at the Main Library.

Submitted by Vicki Hertz