



Meeting Minutes, Friends of the Durham Library Board
3 October, 2007, 7:30 p.m.
Board Room, Main Library

Attending Board members: Jeff Laufenberg, presiding, Mary Auen, Bobbie Walters-Brown, Jane Goodridge, Vicki Hertz, Felicia Leggett, Jacqueline Matthews, Wendell Musser, Marge Nordstrom, Aviva Starr, Ann Wilder, Bob Wilkinson.

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

Call to order

Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the September meeting.

Treasurer's report (Jane)

Jane reported the following:

Year-to-date income (1 July – 30 September):	\$1,590.70
Year-to-date expenses:	\$26,235.53
Currently available funds:	\$19,000.00

Half the Programs budget for the fiscal year is spent.

The Board approved the report and approved a motion that Mary transition to the role of Treasurer before the end of the current fiscal year, most likely in November or December.

Standing committee reports

Book Sale (Jane)

Setup is underway for the upcoming sale, which promises to be BIG. Jane thanked the Book Mobile staff for moving the Book Mobile from the garage, which allows sale volunteers to perform more setup in the garage.

Publicity (Ann)

Publicity is going well. Jane suggested the use of mailing lists, and Marge will post the sale press release to the Inter-Neighborhood Council list server.

Volunteer cashier coordinator (Aviva)

Aviva distributed volunteer schedules for the upcoming sale. Jane suggested using a fish bowl or similar item at the sale to encourage donations toward meeting our matching-grant goal of \$25,000. Felicia volunteered to assist with preparing the fish bowl.

Membership (Vicki)

Vicki reported 27 new members, most of whom are donors. Current membership numbers are as follows:

Adults	180
Donors	867
Family	104
Life	51
Patron	3
Senior	61
Sustainers	17
Youth	2
TOTAL	1285

Nominating (Marge)

Marge, Felicia, and Ann met to discuss the vacant Board seat that resulted from Kay Amos's recent resignation. Three additional seats will be vacated next year. The committee is seeking diversity by age, race, and gender. They are seeking more men and varied skill sets. Marge encourages Board members to think about qualified candidates and inform the committee of any suggestions.

Liaison reports

Liaison to the Durham County Library Foundation Board (Vicki)

Vicki did not attend the September meeting. Skip noted that fundraising is focused on half a dozen significant items. For the NEH grant, \$120,000 to \$150,000 is still needed, he is confident that the goal will be reached by 31 January.

The Friends have contributed a total of \$135,000 to the \$5.2 million Campaign for the Library. \$100,000 of that contribution helped to meet the NEH match. \$25,000 of that total is a challenge grant for technology, which has leveraged an additional \$24,300 from new Foundation donors. \$10,000 came very early in the campaign as a leadership gift.

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

Wendell did not attend the September meeting. Skip reported that the meeting included a farewell to Jana Alexander, who recently resigned her position at the Library. A Trustees-organized a tour of the Hill Library on the N.C. State campus will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, and members of the Friends Board are welcome to attend. The Board of Trustees will next meet on 9 October.

New Business

Update of the book-sale shed (Marge)

We are still working with the City County Commissioners and waiting for costs and plans. We currently have no numbers, no target date, and no idea when the numbers and date will be available. The process could be quick, or it could take some time.

Revision of the Bylaws re the Annual Meeting Standing Committee (Felicia)

Because of changes to the annual-meeting format, the Board no longer requires an Annual Meeting Standing Committee. Therefore, the Bylaws are revised to exclude Section 2.c, which pertained to the committee, and to renumber subsequent sections accordingly. The Board approved a motion to accept the necessary revisions.

Review of Fall 2007 Staff Proposals (Full Board)

We have been advised to budget at least \$20,000 for the shed. This expenditure will affect our commitment to proposals. The Board approved a motion to commit \$20,000 to the shed before committing any funds to proposals.

The Board also approved a motion to table the proposals discussion until the November meeting, which is just before the Library budget process. At that time, we will know how much income the October book sale generated. The proposals discussion will be a major agenda item for the November meeting.

Library news (Skip)

Skip's meetings to discuss each of the seven strategic Library goals are coming to fruition. Plans for the South Regional and Southwest Branch are underway, and plans for the Main Library renovation are kicking off.

Announcements

Ed Walters is undergoing surgery next week, and the Board agreed to send flowers and provide DVDs for Carol and Ed during Ed's recuperation.

Adjournment

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:50.

Submitted by

Jacqueline Matthews