

Meeting Minutes, Friends of the Durham Library Board
2 April 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Conference Room, North Regional 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, Andre Vann, Ann Wilder, Bob Wilkinson.

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

Call to Order

Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the March 2008 meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

Year-to-date income:	\$37,907.17
Year-to-date expenses:	\$50,237.65
Currently available funds:	\$36,518.70

The Board approved the report.

Standing Committee Reports

Book Sale (Jane)

The April book sale is on target. Volunteers are welcome to sort books from 9 a.m. – 12 noon on Tuesday and Wednesday before the sale.

The shed-warming party will occur after the sale.

Volunteer Cashier Coordinator (Aviva)

Most volunteer shifts for the April sale are filled, and other volunteers are available if needed. Aviva will be out of town for the June sale and asks that people sign up for that sale as soon as possible. Aviva will complete the schedule for the June sale before her departure, and Felicia will manage the remainders before the sale and fill any cancellations.

Publicity (Ann)

Book-sale letters to PSAs were sent 3 weeks ago. Stasi sent a press release about the sale and information about the shed to the Durham *Herald-Sun* Metro editor.

Membership (Vicki)

Vicki reported the following current membership numbers:

Adult	161
Family	90
Life	51
Patron	2
Senior	54
Sustaining	11
Youth	3
Friend Donor	11
Foundation Donor	918
TOTAL	1301

Stasi, Vicki, and Alison Shields (Administrative Assistant for the Foundation) are working to increase membership, which rose by 50 members since the beginning of this year. Response to

the renewal-reminder postcards has been positive. They will send another batch of postcards after the April sale.

Nominating (Ann)

Ann is receiving names of potential Board members. When selecting new members, the Board will follow guidelines that the Foundation and Trustees use.

Jeff completes his M.B.A degree this semester. He has accepted a position in Pennsylvania, so he and his family are soon moving. He will be here through the 2008 fiscal year.

Liaison Reports

Liaison to the Durham Library Foundation (Vicki)

The Foundation met the NEH challenge and would like to celebrate the success. The Foundation budget does not accommodate a celebratory event. Barbra Rothschild is researching alternatives, such as sending a printed thank-you, perhaps with a bookmark or other remembrance, to all NEH donors.

With the NEH challenge complete, the Foundation is contemplating its next focus.

Liaison to the Durham Library Board of Trustees (Wendell)

The next meeting is set for 15 April at Stanford L. Warren Branch. The Board has 16 policies, which they are currently reviewing. Skip reported that the trustees met their strategic-planning goals.

Old Business

Ongoing Saga of the Book-Sale Shed (Marge)

The shed, which arrived on 28 March, is currently sitting on skids and is 3 feet closer to the garage than the previous shed was. This placement might create a problem for the handicapped-accessible ramps, although that is not clear because the bookmobile is not presently in the garage. If a problem exists with the ramps, we can either raise the shed or move the ramps. If either action is needed, it will occur after the April sale. At present, we need to start moving books into the shed.

In appreciation of Marge's patience, persistence, and persuasion throughout the shed process, Jane presented Marge a bouquet of flowers.

Funding Remaining Staff Proposals (2)

The Board agreed to discuss funding at the May meeting.

New Business

Shed Insurance (Mary)

Insurance coverage for the shed is currently \$10,000 for contents only. Cost of this coverage, which is minimum, is \$459/year. We can increase coverage to \$20,000 for contents and \$8,000 for shed replacement without increasing the cost. The Board approved the coverage increase.

Laptops for Use in the Garage During Book Sales (Jane)

Some books at the sales are quite valuable, and we miss opportunities for financial gain if, for example, we charge \$2.00 for a book that has a \$50.00 value. Pricing information is available through various Internet sites. Laptops with Internet access would allow us to check prices during sales. Jane suggests pursuing laptop donations after the April sale. Aviva has contacts with non-profit organizations and will seek laptops through that channel. If no laptops are donated in the next 4 to 6 weeks, Jane suggests purchasing one.

Payment to Shed Architects for *Pro Bono* Work (Marge)

In appreciation for the significant amount of *pro bono* work that Charles Nickelson performed during our shed process, the Board agreed to give \$1,000.00 to Mr. Nickelson's architectural firm.

Friends' Contribution to NC Public Library Director's Association (NCPLDA) Legislative Effort (Skip)

On 21 May, the NCPLDA will meet in Raleigh to discuss funding issues for which the N.C. public libraries rely on the state (legislation). Skip suggested that the Board might want to make an annual contribution to the NCPLDA and suggested an amount of \$100.00. The Board approved a \$100.00 contribution.

Skip also suggested a need for an advocate who can discuss Durham County Library needs with legislators. If you are interested in working with legislators in an advocacy capacity, contact Skip for more information.

Library News

Baker and Taylor FOLUSA Award Nomination (Stasi)

The nomination deadline for the FOLUSA award is 1 May. Stasi recently distributed a draft of the Friends of the Durham Library nomination. She requests that comments be sent to her by 7 April.

Announcements

Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries (FONCPL) Workshop, 12 April in Asheboro

The FONCPL organization will hold a workshop in Asheboro on 12 April. Jeff asked that anyone who is interested in attending contact him. Skip commented that the workshop is staff-oriented. (Note: the book sale also occurs on 12 April.)

Next FODL Meeting

Because of a Library Staff Day conflict, the next FODL meeting is scheduled for 14 May at Main.

Stanford L. Warren Award

Andre announced that the Stanford L. Warren Branch recently received an historic preservation award.

Adjournment

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:40.

Submitted by

Jacqueline Matthews