

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

Attending Board Members: Jeff Laufenberg, presiding; Mary Auen, Bobbie Walters-Brown, Jane Goodridge, Vicki Hertz, Jacqueline Matthews, Marge Nordstrom, Aviva Starr, Andre Vann, Ann Wilder.

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 April 2008 meeting.

Treasurer's report (Mary)

Year-to-date income:	\$73,096.17
Year-to-date expenses:	\$52,705.18
Currently available funds:	\$69,304.71

The Board approved the report.

Standing committee reports

Book sale (Jane)

The upcoming summer book sale (June) is typically not as busy as other (spring and fall) sales. Response to the regional book sales is very positive. Discussions about regional book sales at Stanford L. Warren and Main are in progress.

Volunteer cashier coordinator (Aviva)

Aviva is circulating the list for June cashiers before she hands the list off to Felicia.

Publicity (Ann)

Letters about the June sale will be sent by Memorial Day.

Membership (Vicki)

Vicki reported the following current membership numbers:

Adult	210
Senior	52
Life	55
Patron	2
Sustaining	11
Youth	3
Family	112
Friends donor	12
Foundation donor	909
TOTAL	1366

Nominating (Ann)

The slate of officers for the 2008-2009 year is as follows:

President	Bobbie Walters-Brown
Vice-president	Aviva Starr
Secretary	Vicki Hertz
Treasurer	Mary Auen

Gary Snyder resigned his position on the Board. Therefore, effective 1 July, 2008, five Board positions are vacant. The Nominating Committee proposed the following new Board members:

Jeff Anton
Roselyn (Roz) Grace
Gerry Larson
Martha Scotford
Angela Zoltner

The Board approved the slate of officers and the nominations for new Board members.

Liaison reports

Liaison to the Durham Library Foundation (Vicki)

The Foundation has not met since the last report. The date of the next Foundation meeting is 19 May.

Liaison to the Durham Library Board of Trustees (Wendell)

No report.

Old business

Shed update (Marge)

The shed is in place, but the ramp supplied by Leonard Sheds is not compliant with standards. Mike Turner, representing General Services for Durham County, will provide a new standards-compliant ramp—construction is almost complete.

The fencing is in place. With the new ramp, the garage can accommodate the Bookmobile.

In appreciation for his work, Mike Turner will receive a Friends' life-time membership.

Shed insurance (Mary)

We have not yet received an amendment to the insurance, but Mary anticipates receipt within a couple of weeks.

Payment to shed architects for *pro bono* work (Marge)

Marge is waiting until all work is complete before requesting the \$1,000.00 gift to the architectural firm of Roughton Nickelson DeLuca. Last month, the Board agreed to give \$1,000.00 in appreciation for their *pro bono* work. In addition, a \$100 gift certificate will be given to Dan Jewell of Coulter Jewell Thames.

Shed-raising party (Jane)

The party will be held from 4 – 6 p.m. on 11 June, in conjunction with the Friends' Annual Meeting. Remarks will be made at 5 p.m., followed by FODL business.

The party will provide an opportunity to thank those who contributed to the shed. The party will also be an opportunity for public relations. Friends' members, sorters, the City and County commissioners, General Services, and the press will be invited.

The Board approved \$500.00 for the party/annual meeting.

Laptop for use in the garage during book sales (Jane)

The Library is lending a laptop computer to the Friends. The laptop is being used, on a weekly basis, to identify valuable books. It will not be used during the book sales.

Friends' contribution to NC Public Library Director's Association (NCPLDA) legislative effort (Skip)

The Friends contributed \$100.00 to the NCPLDA. Skip suggests increasing the amount to \$500.00, which is the average contribution from other libraries in the state. Mary will amend the Friends' budget for next year. The NCPLDA would like to add \$5,000,000.00 to the state budget for support of public libraries in North Carolina.

Several (five or six) Library Trustees and one Foundation member will attend the NCPLDA meeting on 20 May. Anyone who chooses to attend the meeting is welcomed.

Baker and Taylor FOLUSA award nomination follow-up (Stasi)

The Friends' efforts in 2007 and the response to the fire that destroyed the shed were the basis for the nomination. The winner of the award will be announced on 30 June at the American Library Association annual conference in Anaheim, California. The winner will receive a cash award of \$1,000.00.

Other awards

Durham County Library was the first-ever recipient of the Polaris Innovation in Technology John Illiff Award for its strategic-planning wiki. The announcement was made at the Public Library Association meeting earlier this year and comes with a \$1,000 award.

Also this year, the North Regional Library has received Silver LEED certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

New business

Funding Remaining Staff Proposals (2)

The Board approved funding for the Fall 2007 staff proposals for LCD projectors and for ILL software. The amount for these two proposals is approximately \$17,000.00

Annual Meeting

Friends' members will be notified, in writing, of the meeting two weeks prior to the meeting.

Library news (Skip)

The lead architect for the Library study will appear before the Board of Commissioners in early June. Currently, a decision about the new Library location is premature.

Representatives from the Urban Libraries Council recently made a site visit to the Durham Library. Durham is one of two finalists to host the December 2009 Partners for Success Conference. The conference occurs every two years. The theme for the 2009 conference is regionalism.

After a national search for the Library's Deputy Director, the field of candidates is narrowing. An announcement is anticipated for July 2008.

Adjournment

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:50.

Submitted by

Jacqueline Matthews