

The Executive Board of the St. Cloud Friends of the Library met in the Children's Meeting Room on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Jo Weis at 5:30 p.m. Present were: Buzz Snyder, Dick Jokinen, Steve Engels, Bev Pehler (sec.), Karen Mrja, Ingunn Sverridottir (treas.), Michelle Monsen (staff), Chris Mallo (staff), Jo Weis (pres.), Joanne Kudrna (v.p.), and Larry McCabe.

Absent: Rose Ford and Libbie Brunsvold

Additional agenda items were called for. There were none.

The Secretary's report was approved as presented. Joanne K. moved approval which was seconded by Buzz S. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Ingunn S. She noted that the Bookstore revenue for March was \$2,648.63, Membership dues were \$245, and Donations of \$52.05 will be corrected by transferring \$25.00 of that amount to Pat's Fund. It was mistakenly included in the \$52.05 credited to Brats/Donations. The ½ Share of \$3568.00 paid in March was for Oct., Nov., and Dec. April's ½ Share payment will be for the months of Jan., Feb., and March. The March Food Drive generated about \$34.00 cash which is not included as income but, FYI. The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Joanne K. It was seconded by Steve E. The motion passed.

Michelle M. reported that the Bookstore desk/counter cannot be moved because of the electrical wiring in the floor at its present location. After a discussion of leaving the desk where it is and having a new desk installed at the front of the bookstore and moving the children's books elsewhere in the store, it was suggested that the Bookstore Volunteers be polled for their opinions on these issues. It was also noted that the integrity of the original design should be maintained.

Regarding the status of the Green Roof garden, Michelle spoke with Scott Zlotnik from the Parks Dept. and was given an OK to proceed with the plan to have staff members care for the Green Roof garden. Volunteers will not be needed if HR approves having staff members work on the project. The original specs for the Library building provide a list of plants and their placement. About \$250.00 would be needed to purchase plants and gardening tools. A motion was made by Dick J. and seconded by Joanne K. to give \$250.00 from the Misc. Grants budget item for purchases for the Roof Garden. The motion passed.

Chris M. reported on activities in the Children's Programs. She described the Poetry Treasure Hunt which takes place in the Children's room as part of National Poetry Month in April. The winning prize is a gift card from the Friends of the Library. An activity using unsold books from the Bookstore took place as part of the Altered Books Program for Tweens (age 10 and up). Books were recycled to create some examples shown by Chris, including an embellished treasure box from a hollowed out book and a Checkers Board created on the cover of a hollowed out book with the game pieces stored inside the book. It was suggested that creations like the ones shown might be sold in the Bookstore to supplement the Children's Programs..

Steve E. reported for the Bookstore Committee that 10 cartons (about 189 lbs.) of food and a cash amount was donated to the food shelves during the March food drive. Theft in the bookstore was discussed. Jo handed out a list of suggestions for Bookstore volunteers to use when dealing with customers.

A book sale is being planned for the weekend of June 10, 11, and 12. "Taste of St. Cloud" and the History Hunt are also taking place that weekend so, the sale would be well timed.

Under Old Business, the date for sending another newsletter was discussed. Libbie B. did the last one and will not be available to do a Spring newsletter. Joanne moved and Buzz seconded that we do not do a Spring newsletter, but ask if Libbie would be willing to work on one for this Fall. The motion passed.

Joanne reported on the Membership Drive that our current members total 112. Updated membership lists were handed out by Joanne and those present volunteered to send or give a form to potential members who had not renewed their membership in 2010.

The final item of Old Business discussed was Marketing. Suggested as possible ways to increase visibility were with a "Your turn" article and "Give Minnesota on Line". Larry M. offered to meet with the web page creator. Questions were raised about the method of payment for the web site and what address should be used. Also discussed were the benefits of being a member of Friends of the Library.

The first order of New Business discussed was expanding the number of Board members. The by-laws require a minimum of 7 members and a maximum of 11. The Board currently has 10 elected members and one to be elected. It was suggested that a Friends member could serve on any committee of the Board.

Dick J. reported the Brat Sale's dates and location are set for Friday Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat. Sept. 11 for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cash Wise in Waite Park. He suggested we purchase smocks or shirts or aprons for Volunteers to wear. Nametags could be used to limit the number of garments needed. Dick volunteered to investigate the purchase.

The Volunteer Expo will take place on April 21 at the St. Cloud Public Library. Jo suggested we join the organization and if we pay now, we would be a member through 2011 since they meet August-May. Membership is \$20 for 1 person or \$30 for 3 people. Joanne K. moved and Dick J. seconded that the St. Cloud Friends of the Library join the St. Cloud Area Volunteers organization at the \$30 level. The motion passed.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for Wednesday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Jo asked for a motion to adjourn. Joanne K. moved for adjournment and Larry M. seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Beverly Pehler,  
Secretary