

The Sept.8,2010 board meeting of St. Cloud Friends of the Library was convened by President Jo Weis at 5:33 pm in the Children's Program room at the library. Present were: Bev Pehler (sec.), Dick Jokinen, Rose Ford, Jo Weis (pres.), Karen Mrja, Buzz Snyder, Ingunn Sverrisdottir (treas.), Larry McCabe, Michele Monsen (staff), Chris Mallo (staff), Steve Engels, and Joanne Kudrna (v. pres.).

Absent: Libbie Brunsvold

Joan Theisen, a representative from Barnes & Noble presented for consideration a Book Fair fundraiser. Our organization could participate in a Book Fair event by choosing a date, advertizing (with help from Barnes & Noble), and having vouchers available to purchasers. Of all purchases made with a voucher on the chosen date, 10% in cash or 15% in the form of a gift card would be given to the participating organization. In October, MN mystery authors will be featured and on Oct. 22 from 4-6pm, William Kent Krueger will be signing his latest mystery.

President Weis called for additions to the agenda. Dick J. proposed two items: Brat Sale and Chamber dues.

The secretary presented the minutes from the May 19, 2010 board meeting and asked for a replacement for the October board meeting. Dick Jokinen volunteered to take minutes in October. Joanne K. moved approval of the Secretary report, Dick J. seconded and the motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Ingunn S. The book sale in June (over a three day period) generated almost \$900 in sales and there was an anonymous donation to Pat's Fund for \$100. An explanation sheet of adjustments to the monthly Financial Reports was handed out by the treasurer. In the months of May, June, July, and August, Book Store revenue averaged above \$2000. Postage for the Book Store is getting close to the yearly budget amount of \$150. An update on the Central MN Community Foundation account was presented. Ingunn then reported that 36 calendars had been purchased. Joanne K. moved for approval of the treasurer's report, Dick J. seconded, and the motion passed.

The Book Store committee will be meeting on September 14.

Joanne K. reported for the Membership committee. Memberships in FOL have increased from 137 in 2007 to 144 in 2010, in spite of 34 members not renewing in 2010. The goal of the Membership committee is 200 members. Members joining or renewing in October will be members through 2011.

Chris Mallo reported a successful Summer Reading program. "World Travel and Culture" is the theme for next year's program. September is Library Card Signup Month. Each time a patron shows their Library card, they will receive a voucher to be placed in one of 8 boxes near the check out desk. A drawing from the boxes will be held on October 1 for the 8 gift baskets nearby. FOL will get gift cards to put in the 8 baskets.

In New Business:

Karen M. moved we pursue the Barnes & Noble book fair with the Oct.22 date and the mystery author signing. Joanne K. seconded. A discussion including voucher distribution and timing of the proposed date was followed by a removal of the motion. Rose F. then moved: We pursue a Barnes & Noble book fair before the Holidays at the most convenient time with Rose and Jo as organizers. Joanne K. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A request was received from the St. Cloud Chamber Music Society for FOL sponsorship of a concert on March 5, 2011. Joanne K. moved that St. Cloud Friends of the Library sponsor the concert with \$250. The motion was seconded by Steve E. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dick J. and seconded by Buzz S. that St. Cloud Friends of the Library pay the annual dues of \$474 to the St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce. Motion passed.

Karen M. is working with Libbie B. on the next newsletter and asked for Board input. A discussion of the newsletter included: number of copies to be printed and by whom, cost of mailing to the membership, content of the newsletter and who will provide the content, and when the next newsletter will be sent.

Michele M. reported that Net library is gone and has been replaced with Overdrive(audio books and E books) which can be downloaded to I pod and computer. She requested \$1000 from FOL. Karen M. moved that FOL allocate a \$1000 contribution to the Library to initiate the Overdrive audio book collection and acknowledge Friends of the Library in the launching of the program. And secondly, that we revisit a possibility of an additional donation before the end of the year. The motion was seconded by Joanne K. and passed.

Dick J. asked the Board to remember to attend the upcoming Brat Sales on Sept. 10-11 and suggested that all volunteers be sent g mail urging them to also attend the sales. He then proposed that the FOL board send a letter to the St. Cloud Public Library Board urging them to make the Library campus smoke free. After some discussion, a motion was made that The Friends of the Library send a resolution to the St. Cloud Public Library Board urging them to make this campus smoke free by July 1, 2011. Motion by Dick J., second by Rose F. Motion passed by a show of hands: 6 ayes, 3 nays, and 1 abstention. The secretary was instructed to send the resolution to the St. Cloud Public Library Board.

The president announced that Oct.17-23 is National Friends of the Library week.

Karen M. moved adjournment. Rose F. seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Beverly Pehler, Secretary