

The April 8, 2009 meeting of the St. Cloud Friends of the Library was called to order by President Jo Weis at the new library. Present at the 5:30 meeting:

Jo Weis pres.	Shirley Lafler sec.	Mike Garrity
Sarah Gewirtz ex officio	Joanne Kudrna v.p.	Karla Kraft staff
Ingunn Sverrisdottir treas.	Beverly Pehler	David Malone
Verne Oleksowicz staff	Dick Jokinen	Chris Mallo staff

Absent were: Rose Ford, Libby Brunsvold. Steve Engels

Ingunn S. wished to add two items to the agenda. Chris Mallo from the staff wish to say something about the children's summer reading program. We will also look at our new web site, which Sarah G. will show us.

The secretary's report was read and approved; Joanne K. moving approval, Bev Pehler seconding. The treasurer's report was read and approved; Sarah G. moving approval and Dick J. seconding.

OLD BUSINESS

The old business consisted of the unfinished budget for 2009, which Jo W., Ingunn S., Vern O. and Joanne K. have finalized. Joanne K made several motions relating to the budget.

Joanne K. moved that \$10,000 be moved from the Pat's Place fund to the checking account. Dick J. seconded this and it was approved. Pat's Place Fund will continue to be an open fund, as we continue to receive donations. However, we have already made the \$25,000 gift to the Capital Campaign for Pat's Place, so we moved \$10,000 out of the fund to cover part of that gift.

Joanne K. moved that we pay GRRL the rest of the 1/2 share of our revenue from the bookstore due to them from 2008. This is approximately \$9,000. Sarah G. seconded this motion and it was approved. We will be paying this 1/2 share on a quarterly basis in the future, coinciding with our payments of sales taxes.

Joanne K then moved that we pay \$1550.00 to the children's program fund. This will complete our payment to them of \$3100.00 for 2008. Dick J. seconded approval of this motion and it passed.

Joanne K.'s fourth budget resolution involved our pledge to the Capital Campaign for "naming rights" for the Friends' bookstore Joanne K. moved the transfer of \$8,000.00 from the Central Minnesota Community Foundation to the Library Capital Campaign. This is the first payment of five annual payments. Joanne moved approval; Dick J. seconded. The motion was passed with one dissenting vote.

NEW BUSINESS

We viewed our new web site, shown to us by Sarah G. The members expressed approval.

The board then discussed our new "procedures manual", which Sarah has put together. We hope to have a copy for every board member, especially new members. Right now, officers should feel free to add to or to modify their "job descriptions." The committees listed are not necessarily final. This will be a work in progress for some time.

Newsletter timing was discussed. By our by-laws we must have a newsletter just before the annual meeting in February. This should contain something (like a coupon or an insert) for renewing memberships. Printing costs, and our graphic artist's costs were discussed. Ingunn S. thinks the status of our bulk mail permit is not clear. Are we paying twice? Joanne K. moved that we mail only two newsletters a year, the timing of the second to be determined later, possibly July or August. Mike G. seconded and the motion passed.

Committees were discussed. Should we have an events committee? What about fundraising? Someone will always be needed to be in charge of volunteers in the bookstore, and scheduling, which needs to be done 4 times a year. Peggy Farrah has volunteered to orient new volunteers. Are we ready for a marketing/fundraising committee? These are all potential ideas and other Friends group ideas can be used also. The Procedures Manual is a work in progress and we will revisit it.

Membership cards—right now we send a membership card and a letter acknowledging membership. Right now Sarah G. has a membership list. Joanne K. moved that we eliminate the membership card and just send an acknowledgement letter to members. David Malone seconded, and the motion passed. The July/August newsletter will remind people to renew if they haven't. Our memberships are not tax deductible, and this should probably be made known to members.

Sarah G., speaking for the Bookstore Committee, asked approval for price changes. Children's book prices will be raised to 25 cents or 5/\$1.00. The oldest, most worn paperbacks will be dropped back to 10 cents. Fiction will be priced according to age. Old fiction could eventually be free. These changes only affect our non-priced books. Sarah asked for support for these changes and for closing the store for one day to effect them. Ingunn S., a store volunteer, expressed skepticism about price changes. Mike G., store volunteer, also did so. The pricing changes were incorporated into one motion, moved by Joanne K., and seconded by Mike G. The motion passed. A second motion to close the bookstore for a day was introduced by Sarah G., seconded by Joanne K. The motion passed.

Chris Mallo showed us the very colorful banner for the children's summer reading program, purchased with funds from Friends. Verne O. asked if members wanted to be on an advocacy mailing list for this legislative session. Jo W. announced that there will be coupons for one free coffee or tea from the coffee shop in honor of National Volunteer Week.

Joanne K. moved adjournment and Sarah G. Seconded. The meeting was adjourned.