

The Executive Board of the St. Cloud Friends of the Library met on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 in the Children's Meeting Room of the St. Cloud Public Library. President Jo Weis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Dick Jokinen, Jo Weis(Pres.), Bev Pehler(Sec.),Karen Mrja, Ingunn Sverrisdottir(Treas.), Larry McCabe, Rose Ford, Buzz Snyder, and Joanne Kudrna(V. Pres.). Others present: Theresa Theisen(Bookstore Coordinator), Trudy de Goede (SCPL guest), and Chris Mallo(Staff).

The President called for additions to the Agenda. Items added were:

Book Bags	Annual Meeting Program/Speaker
End of the Year Gift to GRRL	Janitorial Services in the Bookstore

The minutes for November 10, 2010, were approved with the following corrections: The paragraph on the Treasurer's report should be amended by deleting the phrase "The quarterly sales tax has not yet been paid for October", and replacing it with " The half share based on the quarterly sales has not been paid to the Library".

A motion was made to clarify for the record, by the January 8, 2011 Board meeting, how the half share payment to GRRL is determined; before or after sales tax on book sales only. Moved by Joanne K.and seconded by Karen M. Motion passed.

The minutes were also corrected by removing Karen Mrja's name as a volunteer sorter in the Bookstore workroom.

The Treasurer's report for November was approved as presented. A motion was made by Theresa T. and seconded by Joanne K. to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

The Nominations Committee report was presented by Buzz S. Three board members need to be elected, as well as a Vice President. There are two candidates who have expressed interest in serving on the FOL board and several others who have been contacted. The committee will present to the Board at the January12 meeting, a slate of three new board members and officers for election at the Annual Meeting in February 2011.

The Membership report was given by Larry M. He reported that all new members are now listed at the top of the spread sheet and there are 32 new members.

Rose F. reported for the Bookstore Committee. Friends of the Library earned approximately \$900.00 by participating in the Barnes & Noble Book Fair in November. A photo of the presentation of the gift card is planned to be taken in the FOL bookstore.

There is no January Book Sale being planned because there are presently no books in storage.

The Children's Services Report was given by Chris Mallo. The Halloween Party was well attended and 40-50 free books were given to participants.

The second annual Sleepover will take place on Dec.9. Kids come for story time and bring stuffed animals which will spend the night. In the morning the kids come for breakfast and see what the animals did during the night. Last year there were 20 participants.

The story telling kits are being updated. They are about 15 years old and those no longer being used will be given to Goodwill.

The Summer Reading programs will be “One World Many Stories” for children and “You Are Here” for teens. The programs will begin on June 14, 2011 and end on August 14, 2011.

Michele’s update was presented by Chris M.: The wiring is completed and the phone is installed outside the Bookstore. The staff is happy with the coffee and tea. All the meeting rooms have been reserved for next year.

Trudy de Goede reported on activities and changes in the Reference area. The Library’s Adult Services team has offered laptop computer training, classes are offered in the Language Lab where the Rosetta Stone software is being used, languages other than English now each have their own sections in the stacks, a new photocopier and coin box is available, the 2011 copies of World Book Encyclopedia will be available and the 2006/2007 volumes will be withdrawn.

In “Old Business” the board revisited “Overdrive”. A motion was made by Rose F. and seconded by Joanne K. to give \$2500.00 from the “Misc. Grant” budget item to “Overdrive”. After a discussion of other needs for that budget item, it was determined that Children’s Services could use some extra funds. An amendment to the motion was offered by Dick J. and seconded by Rose F. that \$500.00 be given to Children’s Services and \$2000.00 be given to “Overdrive” from the “Misc. Grants” account. The amendment passed and the motion as amended prevailed.

The first order of New Business was the 2011 Budget Proposal presented by Ingunn S. Some items of discussion included: Moving the bookstore ½ share to “Friends of the Library Grant to GRRL”, Chamber of Commerce membership, Automatic payment of memberships to National FOL and State FOL, Increase the amount budgeted for office supplies, “Overdrive” as a new budget item, and change “Children’s Programs” to “Children’s Services”.

Other New Business discussed was the newsletter. It would contain a message from the President, a nominations committee report, the proposed budget, a Book Fair report, and a “buy one get one free” coupon for use in the bookstore.

The additions to the agenda were discussed: The annual meeting program will be reports from Trudy of Adult Services, Chris of Children’s Services, and Michele of the St. Cloud Public Library on how the Grant funds from St. Cloud Friends of the Library have been used.

Karen and Rose will research cost of book bags to sell in the bookstore.

The question of janitorial services and why we are buying cleaning supplies for use in the bookstore will be referred to Michele.

The End of the Year gift to GRRL was addressed previously in the minutes.

Joanne K. handed out to members a discussion question “Why do the Saint Cloud Friends of the Library Exist?”

A motion to adjourn was made by Rose and seconded by Bev. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Beverly Pehler
Secretary

