

The St. Cloud Friends of the Library Board met on March 10, 2010 in the Children's Meeting Room of the Library. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Joanne Kudrna at 5:35 p.m. Present were: Rose Ford, Dick Jokinen, Buzz Snyder, Joanne Kudrna (v.p.), Chris Mallo (staff), Michelle Monsen {staff}, Ingunn Sverridottir {treas.}, and Beverly Pehler {sec.}.

Absent: Jo Weis {pres.}, Steve Engels, Libbie Brunsvold, and Larry McCabe.

Additional Agenda items were called for. Ingunn asked that the issue of better communication between the Bookstore Committee and Volunteers in the Bookstore be addressed. The amended agenda was approved.

The minutes for the February 10, 2010 meeting were approved with the following correction: In the report on Children's Activities, delete \$3100.00 and correct to read "...\$3500.00 for children's activities as soon as possible." A motion to approve as amended was made by Rose F. and seconded by Ingunn. The motion was passed.

Ingunn S. presented the Treasurer's report noting that Bookstore income for February totaled \$2,452.33, Membership income was \$1,230.00, and Donations were \$327.25 and \$375.00 to Pat's Fund. February expenses were for Printing, Annual Meeting mailing, Domains and Domain name, Grants to a concert and Children's Services and \$25.00 membership to MALF {MN Association of Library Friends}. A motion to accept the report was made by Dick J. and seconded by Bev P.. The motion passed.

Chris Mallo reported on Children's Activities. The Staff had worked the past Friday to process "boxes of books" and have 15 carts of materials ready for the Bookstore. Next month is National Poetry Month and a scavenger hunt in the Children's Room is planned. The winning prize is a Barnes and Noble gift card from The Friends of the Library.

The Summer Reading program begins June 14 and Chris described the Children's Room decorations for the theme "Under the Sea".

Because of the timely release of the Twilight Saga series "New Moon", the Young Adults program requested the \$750.00 budgeted amount now. It was noted that all 92 copies of the series are currently checked out and it is a very popular series. After a discussion of the appropriateness of the theme, a motion was made to release the \$750.00 to the Young Adults program immediately. Motion by Dick J., seconded by Ingunn S.. Motion passed.

Michelle M. reported that new counter tops will replace the red ones currently in the Library. A choice of white, off-white, or white with speckles is being voted on by staff. There will be no money this year from the City to take care of the Green Roof on the Library building—so, volunteers will do it. Names of Friends members and Master Gardeners were suggested by Board members. There is also a need for money to purchase supplies for the project. A possible source discussed was the budget item Misc.Grants.

The Bookstore Committee Report was called for but, the committee had not met since the last Board meeting. A discussion of issues relating to the Bookstore included: the March Food Drive, theft of books and media items from the bookstore, hours the store is staffed, training and duties of the volunteer staff, and location of the desk/counter. These issues were referred to the Bookstore Committee.

Rose F. said she would try to get some publicity for the March Food Drive in the Citizen's Times.

Joanne K., for the Membership committee, had Membership forms with Friends information on the reverse side available for Board members to give to or mail to prospective members. Dick J. has been successful in using this method of increasing the membership.

The current Membership list is being updated.

Under Old Business, the need for a Public Relations/Marketing committee was discussed. Joanne and Buzz expressed interest in working on this need to increase visibility and membership. Ingunn volunteered to approach a Marketing group on SCSU campus to find ways they might help us.

The need to find a replacement for Board member Dave Malone was raised. Two names were suggested as a possible replacement. A motion authorizing Jo Weis to contact the two individuals about serving as a Board member was made by Rose F. The motion was seconded by Buzz S. and passed.

Other New Business introduced was the need for a Gift acknowledgement policy. After some discussion, the item was delayed until more Board members are present.

Joanne asked for a motion to adjourn. Buzz moved adjournment, Ingunn seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m..

Beverly Pehler,  
Secretary