

The November 12, 2009 board meeting of the St. Cloud Friends of the Library was called to order by President Jo Weis at 5:30 p.m. in the library. Present were:

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| Shirley Lafler sec. | Ingunn Sverrisdottir (treas) |
| Steve Engels | Joanne Kudrna (v.p) |
| Bev Pehler | Michelle Monson (staff) |
| Jo Weis (pres.) | Libbie Brunsvold |
| Mike Garrity | David Malone |

Absent: Sarah Gewirtz (ex-officio), Rose Ford, Dick Jokinen

There were no additional agenda items.

The secretary's report was approved with the phrase "to obtain \$1400. for children's books" deleted. The previous sentence will end with "fund drive." Joanne K. moved approval and Steve Engles seconded. The treasurer's report for October was read and approved, Libbie B. moving approval and Bev P. seconding.

Michelle M. reported for both herself and Chris Mallo who could not attend. She reported on the "legacy funding" which is now coming to the library as the result of a recently passed state tax which allows for spending dedicated to the arts. The teenage Guthrie program is coming here, and also a stage combat class. They are looking for speakers and musicians. Michelle further reports that she will try to get the lights to work in our dark workroom and will see what can be done about repairing the shelves in the bookstore.

Steve E. gave the bookstore committee report, saying that inventory in the store is good, and that the committee is keeping up in the workroom, even though it does not look like it. The committee is considering a bag sale after New Year's. The committee is also thinking of donating some of our books and encyclopedias to branch Friends groups for their own sales (if they are interested). Libbie B. and Mike G. made the board aware of a book drive in the spring at SCSU called "Books for Africa" to which we might donate books.

Membership committee report

Joanne K. said that the committee plans to compile one membership list in 2010. Libbie B. and Joanne K. say that a membership mailing is planned for the first or second week in January. The student committee (from an SCSU class) is designing a membership form.. They are also designing a flyer to be posted around campus to make the SCSU student population aware of the library. This will also be put on our website. The third student project was to "liven up" our newsletter, but this may not "time out" with the students' semester schedule. Joanne K. would like lists of potential members and we can e-mail them to her.

Under Old Business Joanne K. updated us on her research into the concept of "fiscal agency." Kenton Frohrip, retired music professor, would like to start a concert series at the library called "music in the library." He would like the Friends of the Library to act as a "fiscal agent" for this series. As Joanne K. sees it, the concept may not apply, since Mr. Frohrip himself does not constitute an organization we could be the fiscal agent for. We would handle the money involved in the program. If a fiscal agent however, is like the cosigner of a loan, then we could incur liability. Mr. Frohrip also wants a piano (not an upright) brought into the library on a permanent basis. Michelle M. speaking for the library speaking for building management says the piano presents many problems, such as storage. It would not be available to the public, the only thing in the public areas that would not be available, and this is objectionable to the library.

Under new business, the board looked at the draft budget for 2010, presented by Ingunn S. The treasurer took the board through the budget line by line and the following points were noted:

We would like to take in \$2000. in membership dues.

Interest income is down because we have less money in the bank.

We can probably save money on cell phone minutes. (Jo W. will check on this)

We will think about rejoining the state and national Friends groups. (We did not belong in 2009)

Accounting fees should be less, since everything is in better shape this year.

Membership recruitment mailing and newsletter costs are a bit “fuzzy” at this time.

The domain (host) of our website could be cheaper. (Ingunn will look into this.)

A new line—“misc. grants” can be used for unexpected requests from the library.

“Other grants” refers to grants to other organizations, such as the Chamber Music Society.

We will vote on a final version of this in December, 2009, when the figures for mailings should be firmed up.

The President before asking for a motion of adjournment, that we would probably write personal notes to prospective members at the January meeting, that there would be a “members only” sale after the annual meeting in February, and that anree secretary will be needed in March.

Ingunn S. moved adjournment, Bev P. seconded, and the motion carried.