

On November 10, 2010, the St. Cloud Friends of the Library Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Jo Weis in the Children's Program Room at the St. Cloud Public Library.

Present were: Karen Mrja, Larry McCabe, Libbie Brunsvold, Steve Engels, Ingunn Serrisdottir (Treas.), Bev Pehler (Sec.), Jo Weis (Pres.), Buzz Snyder, and Michele Monson (Staff).

Additions to the agenda included: U.S. flag replacement, Book sale, and Copies of the Annual Budget.

The minutes were approved with the following correction: The second sentence in the Brat sale/fundraiser report be deleted. The motion to approve as corrected was made by Karen M. and seconded by Libbie B. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Ingunn S. Printing expense and postage are over the estimated budget amount due to Bookstore printing expenses and the newsletter. The quarterly sales tax has not yet been paid for October nor the bill (\$490.73) from Sun Ray for newsletter printing of 550 copies. There is \$148.51 left in the bulk mailing account and postage expense for the newsletter was \$46.88.

A \$100 donation to Overdrive was included in a membership payment.

Buzz S. moved and Bev P. seconded acceptance of the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Steve E. presented the Bookstore report. There is an accumulation of books needing sorting. Over 70 cartons were in the basement about two weeks ago. Since then, many of those have been sent to Better World Books.

A list of books acceptable for donation is being formulated. Books not accepted include out of date encyclopedias and those in poor condition.

We need to work harder on book sales and perhaps include one Children's book sale each year.

The library staff has arranged for a community service group to remove book covers so the pages will be accepted for recycling.

Sorters are needed in the Bookstore workroom. Buzz and Karen volunteered.

Larry M. reported for the Membership committee. Seventeen memberships were received along with three large donations: \$80, \$100, and \$100 for Overdrive.

The newsletter report was presented by Karen M. \$650 was the budgeted amount and the newsletter came in under budget! The printing was done by Sun Ray Printing. Karen suggested using "address service request" on the next newsletter.

Michele M. reported for Chris Mallo on Children's Activities. About 3,000 people came through the "Kids & Parents Expo" at the Civic Center on Nov. 6. It was successful and our involvement was worthwhile. 184 kids participated in the Halloween event at the Library.

Michele reported that the artwork donated by Ken Bruce has been hung in the Bookstore. The telephone has been approved and is coming.

Michele and Mic Golden from the GRRL staff met with Steve, Rose, and Jo about the book backlog, which was already covered in Steve's Bookstore report.

Upon Michele's request for the \$500 budgeted for Hospitality/SCPL Discretionary Fund, the FOL board unanimously agreed to release that amount.

Additional agenda item 1 was U.S. flag replacement. During discussion it was mentioned that members of the public had brought to the attention of several Board members the poor condition of the flag currently displayed in front of the Library. Members mentioned there are two new replacement flags available to be displayed.

Michele asked for help in replacing the tattered U.S. flag at the front of the building following the board meeting since the following day is Veteran's Day and the library would be closed. Larry M. volunteered to help replace the flag.

Additional agenda item 2 was "Book Sale". It was suggested that a book sale be held in a room away from the bookstore. The arrangement would allow a greater number of books to be available for sale and reduce the number of books in storage. No action taken.

There will be three vacancies on the Board at the end of this year and recommendations for election of new Board members to fill those vacancies are needed before the January newsletter is sent. Buzz Snyder volunteered to serve on the Nominations committee.

The final order of business included the third additional agenda item "Copies of annual budget". The annual budget will be included in the January newsletter along with the nominations report and a membership form.

Buzz S. moved to adjourn and Libbie B. seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Beverly Pehler  
Secretary