

The October 13, 2010, Board meeting of the St. Cloud Friends of the Library was called to order by President Jo Weis at 5:33p.m. in the Children's Program room at the St. Cloud Public Library.

Members present: Steve Engels, Rose Ford, Dick Jokinen, Joanne Kudrna, Larry McCabe, Karen Mrja, Buzz Snyder, Ingunn Sverrisdottir, Jo Weis.

Staff present: Trudy de Goede, Chris Mallo, Michele Monson and Jake, a student working with Trudy.

Jo added gifts donated to Friends by Ken Bruce and the results of our Brat Sale/fundraiser to the agenda.

It was moved by Karen, seconded by Joanne and passed that the minutes of our September 8, 2010, meeting be approved as distributed.

Steve moved, seconded by Larry and approved by all to accept the Treasurer's report. A discussion pursued about possibly placing a sign in the store alerting the public that we do accept monetary donations. This matter was referred to the Bookstore Committee for a recommendation that will be acted upon at our November meeting.

Karen announced that the next edition of our Newsletter will be sent out the week of 10/18. It will include Membership applications for 2011 and Barnes & Noble Book Fair vouchers.

Rose and Steve gave a Bookstore Committee report:

1. A new member has started working in the Bookroom; also new volunteers have Begun serving in the Bookstore. Additional volunteers are needed for both areas. Applications are available in the Bookstore and On-line.
2. No decision has been made regarding the replacement of our telephone. A decision will be made at our next Board meeting.
3. The Barnes & Noble Book Fair supporting Friends of the Library will be held on Friday, November 19, 2010, from 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 3940 Division Street, St. Cloud. Vouchers are available in the Bookstore.
4. We are in need of additional book carts. Look for a recommendation from the Committee at the next Board meeting.
5. The next Bookstore Bag Sale will be in January 2011.

Larry reported that 11 members paid their 2010 dues as a result of Dick's September letter.

National Friends of the Library Week is October 17-23. Our volunteers will be recognized on Wednesday, October 20 from 2-3 p.m. in the Arrey Room at the public library. At this time Jo, Theresa, and Ingunn will review policy changes and updates.

Joanne presented and moved that our Handbook be accepted as is. Dick seconded this motion and it was approved. The Handbook is a continuous work in progress.

Joanne led a discussion utilizing flip sheets on the question "Who Are the Friends?". We will continue the topic at our next meeting.

A Nominating Committee to seek Board members and officers for 2011 will be appointed next month. Larry announced that he will be moving and leaving the Board before the end of this year.

Jo and Karen will do some follow-up work and report next month on an Update on our Web site. Also, Jo and Ingunn will decide about the manner of payment for the site.

Chris Mallo reported that the September "Show Your Library Card" project was a huge success. Dick was the sole prize winner among Board members! Chris spoke about the

Halloween party for 3-7 year olds on 10/28, from 6-7:30 p.m. Joanne moved, Rose seconded and it was approved that the Friends participate by having candy and free books in the store for Trick'n'Treaters. Saturday, November 6, 2010, from 10a.m.- 4 p.m., there will be a " Kids & Parents Expo" at the St. Cloud Civic Center. Joanne moved, Dick seconded and it was approved that the Friends pay the \$350 booth fee for this event. Friends Application Forms and Barnes & Noble vouchers will be available at the booth.

Michele Monson reaffirmed that a decision about telephone service in the bookstore will be made next month. She and Trudy de Goede reported that Overdrive is a big success; nearly everything is checked out.

Ken Bruce has donated several pictures and wall hangings for the Bookstore. Jo will have them hung in appropriate places within the store.

Our September 10-11 Brat sale/fundraiser netted \$359 in sales and \$61.84 in tips. This \$420.84 will be given to "Pat's Place" in the Children's area.

Prior to the adjournment of our meeting, staff members presented the Friends with a large card and goodies on behalf of the entire staff "thanking the Friends for being their friends".

The meeting was closed at 7:13 p.m.

Dick Jokinen

Acting Secretary