

**Friends of the Fox River Valley Public Library District meeting
April 19, 2016**

President Mary Todd called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the library meeting room. Present were: Mary Todd, Belindia Elliott, Bonnie Kalaway, Angelique Draftz, Darlene Straka, Diane Campbell, Maria Cataldo Linda Ptack, Pat McNana, Roxy Zimmerman, Angelique Draftz, and Kirstin Finneran. Library Director Roxane Bennett arrived at the end, after the Board Meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting were presented. Bonnie Kalaway made a move to accept the minutes without changes and Belindia Elliott seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to accept. The minutes will be filed.

Treasurer's report: Angelique Draftz

Review and acceptance of March and April 2016 report.

As of 2/1/2016. Starting balance \$25,306.94. Deposits: \$246.80. Disbursements: \$719.00. Outstanding deposits: \$.00 Outstanding checks: \$2,567.57. Ending Balance: \$22,267.17. Diane Campbell made a motion and Bonnie Kalaway seconded the motion to accept financial report without change. Vote was unanimous to accept. The report will be filed for audit. Roxy Zimmerman suggested adding an annotation to explain author book sale.

As of 3/1/2016. Starting balance \$24,834.74. Deposits: \$495.68. Disbursements: \$3,020.57. Outstanding deposits: \$.00 Outstanding checks: \$300.00. Ending Balance: \$22,009.85. Diane Campbell made a motion and Roxy Zimmerman seconded the motion to accept financial report without change. Vote was unanimous to accept. The report will be filed for audit.

Mary Todd initiated conversation about a proposed budget for next year. Angelique said Board met last week to discuss budget. Budget is very similar to last year's. Need to add a line for postage. Mary Todd will add \$15 for postage. Bus fees and book sale income is projected to be similar. Final budget will be approved at the annual meeting next month.

Librarian's report: Kirstin Finneran

Staff Update: Carrie Eckersburg of our Account Services Department is retiring this month.

Thanks for treats: On behalf of the library staff, thanks so much for the thoughtful treats during National Library Week!

Memorial Day Parade: We will be participating in the Memorial Day parade once again. The book cart drill team will be there, and we are also inviting Friends and Board Members to participate. The parade is on Sunday, May 29. We will line up at 1 p.m. and start walking at 2 p.m. Please contact me if you are interested in marching with us.

Summer Reading Challenge Picnic: This year's summer reading picnic will be on Tuesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. We are hoping for volunteers from the Friends as always. We would love about seven volunteers to help with refreshments, crafts, and prize wheel. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer and if you have a preference on stations!

Book Sale and Fundraising: Belindia Elliott

\$3903.50 was made at the spring sale. That was without Fred's help. Belindia will now look into the scanner opportunity. Fred does take the leftover books. There were lots of compliments and new people. Compliments were that we sort books into categories, and that other libraries do not do that. Seven scanners came through this time at \$10 each. Usually have 2 or 3. Might want to consider an early opportunity for scanners. Algonquin has members and scanners only on the first night. Charges \$10.

Belindia updates a website about library book sales that scanners use to find sales. Many new scanners came as a result. Thursday night had about 150 people; most money was made Thursday night. Belindia wants to purchase 10 more tables. Black and gray tables were being used by the library, and ended up being short at the sale. Wants a stamp for people who write checks. Needs big bottle of handsanitizer for book sorting area.

Diane motioned for Belindia to be approved to spend \$600 on above items. Bonnie seconded. Vote was unanimous to accept.

Items sold at the spring sale:

124 bags at \$3

700 hard back

843 paperback

164 romance

1411 kids

362 DVDs

146 CD

51 Audio

Program Committee: Darlene Straka

Decade of Dresses is coming up on May 7. Investment programs are coming up next week at the Randall Oaks Library. These are the last programs of the year.

Committee stayed within their budget this year.

The programming committee needs another member. We meet every second Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the library. Committee researches, schedules and hosts the programs.

Attendance at programs is 304 for the year, with two more to go. If you have any ideas for programs, let the committee know. A survey is passed out at the programs to get feedback about when people would like to have programs and on what topics.

Diane suggested a program for Randall Oaks. It is a portable planetarium/star lab. It can be rented from SciTech Hands On Museum in Aurora. Kirstin will pass on the idea to Aaron Carlin.

Culvers: Kathie Tennis (not present)

Diane Campbell said Culvers put a book shelf up instead of the table that was there before. No one knows right now where the extra books are being stored. Mary Todd said she will check with Lisa Blalock.

Book Baskets: Diane Campbell

Three baskets were donated to the Village of East Dundee's Discover Dundee raffle. Two baskets were donated for The Literacy Connection Trivia Bee. Will be donating four for the Meadowdale Elementary School Fun Fair in May.

Library Board: Bonnie Kalaway

Reported that Friends are now recognized at tax-exempt under IRS Code 501(c)(3). Board applauded. Also presented the new Friends brochure.

New Business:

Angelique informed the group of a regional meeting for Friends of the Library groups. Angelique was at Jacobs High School and ran into another library's friend who told her about the meeting in April. Four

people can attend. It is Saturday, April 30, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Algonquin Library (main library on Harnish). The group is called the Northern Illinois Regional Friends. They exchange ideas about how each is operating. The April agenda includes a talk about changes to the Algonquin Library. Angelique is interested in going.

Printers Row Lit Fest is June 11 & 12.

Officers for next year. Mary Maloy term as secretary expires, so a secretary is needed. Bonnie Kalaway will take over as secretary;

Roxy Zimmerman will take over as vice president. Angelique suggested shadowing of positions moving forward so the new person can learn the job from someone with experience.

Roxane Bennett stopped in at the meeting and gave an update on the future planning of the library. Citizens committee is forming for feedback and direction. She said the Friends could help with a capital campaign to raise money for the library. That would be a legacy project, for the building or portion (such as a children's garden) of the new library.

Old Business: Roxy Zimmerman

We have received the news that the Friends are officially 501(c)(3) compliant. We are listed on IRS website. Special thanks to Roxy Zimmerman and Ann Nickerson. Mary Todd will contact Kohls about donations and volunteers for book sales.

Belindia made a move to adjourn and Roxy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting on May 17, 2016.

Respectfully submitted:

Kirstin Finneran, on behalf of Mary Maloy, Secretary