



Joint Meeting with the Friends of the Hinsdale Library

April 29, 2008 7:00pm

Meeting Room, Lower Level

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Wolfe at 7:01pm

Attending: Hinsdale Friends of the Library President/Treasurer Steve Wolfe, Secretary Betty Boyd, Members Joann Guida, Lynn Van Matre, Carol Yee

Hinsdale Board of Trustees Vice President Bob Shutack, Secretary Jack Fredrickson, Executive Director Lynn Elam, PR Coordinator Jo Ann Schusterich

Book Sale Wrap Up

President Wolfe thanked members of the Friends and library staff for efforts made in the mini-book sale held during the library's grand re-opening events. Wolff made special mention of contributions made by facilities staff person Casey Stachowski.

Hinsdale Board of Trustees President Susan Nedza Lastres arrived at 7:10pm.

Treasurers Report

President Wolfe presented the sales receipts from the book sale of \$617.75 and \$80 for renewed memberships. He also presented the treasurer's report and remarked that the Friends were distributed their pledge check to the library. Executive Director Elam reported that the pledge check included a \$500 contribution to the Helen O'Neill Scholarship award which was not being given this year. Following discussion among the Friends members, Elam was directed to reallocate those funds into the Youth Services aquarium maintenance fund. There being no further discussion on Friends' financial matters, the treasurers report was unanimously approved.

Friends of the Hinsdale Library member Ken Hall arrived at 7:15pm

Correspondence

Secretary Boyd reported on correspondence received from Hinsdale Hospital thanking her for distributing books at the facility.

PR Coordinator Jo Ann Schusterich reported on correspondence from SCARCE thanking her for efforts to assist their organization by donating materials from the library and Friends group.

Friends Officers/Directors

President Wolfe reported the resignations of Gloria Hollister and Lovis Reuss. Jo Ann Guida and Betty Boyd announced their resignations.

President Wolfe reported that he would remain President and Treasurer, Carol Yee and Lynn Van Matre also agreed to continue on the Friends board of directors

Director Elam volunteered to report the meeting minutes and to keep the Friends records in the library.

President Wolfe along with library representatives thanked Jo Ann and Betty for their contributions to the Friends and to the library.

Vice President Shutack suggested bringing a resolution honoring contributions made by Lovis to the next board meeting. President Nedza-Lastres directed Elam to also send thank you letters on behalf of the library to Lovis and to Gloria Hollister. President Nedza-Lastres also shared with the Friends that resident Chad Jefferson is working on an historical piece about the library and remarked that the Friends should be included in his work.

Storing and Sorting Capacities

The Friends and library representatives discussed the capacities the library offered to store and sort donated materials. President Wolfe remarked that it is a challenge to “stay on top of sorting”. Director Elam reported that the library had packed and shipped 400 boxes of donated and discarded items to recyclers during April. She further reported that the Friends ongoing book sale shelves had capacity for approximately 650 items and that the library received on average 150 donated items per day. She explained which library staff members were involved in collecting, sorting and moving items into storage or to the ongoing sale shelves. Elam reported that Ellen Smith, Head of Technical Services would be responsible for managing surplus materials and would use a combination of methods to discard, donate, recycle or re-sell items as necessary to keep the number of items to a manageable level. Both the Friends and library representatives acknowledged that the sales of used materials is beneficial to the library.

Mini –Book Sale

The Friends discussed the possibility of hosting another mini-book sale during the Memorial Hall 80th anniversary celebration. By consensus, the Friends agreed to make a decision on whether to hold a sale in July at their next meeting.

President Nedza Lastres commended the Friends for many years of service to the library saying she and the board of trustees “appreciate their quiet dedication to the library and to books.” She reiterated the board’s ongoing commitment to the Friends.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday June 10 at 7:00pm

There being no further business before the Friends or the library board of trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm