

Board of the Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library
Minutes of the meeting held January 10, 2017

Members Present: Kay Bowes, Mary Bowler Natalee Burke, Agnes Galvin, Claire Kantar, Lyndsey Orr, Patricia DePalma, Elle Van Dahlgren

Members Absent: Steve Fulmer, Megan Varley, Morgan Schoeneberger

Also Present: Martha Gessler, Jean Kaufman,

Welcome and Announcements:

Chairperson Kay Bowes opened the meeting by inviting board members to chair committees for different facets of the Friends' activities.

Board members volunteered for the following committees and plan to invite Friends' members to serve with them.

Facebook	Claire Kantar
Website	Richard James
Membership	Claire Kantar, Elle Van Dahlgren, Pat DePalma
Communications	Lindsay Orr, Morgan Schoeneberger, Natalie Burke, Kay Bowes, Steve Fulmer, Agnes Galvin
Programing/Fundraising	Mary Bowler, Elle Van Dahlgren, (Martha Gessler, ad hoc)
Advocacy	Morgan Schoeneberger, Kay Bowes
Hospitality	Mary Bowler, Agnes Galvin

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved with two corrections.

Treasurer's Report: See attached sheet

Membership dues in our PO box totaled \$226.60 this month.

Old Business

Upcoming Friends' Program

Ms. Bowes and Martha Gessler reported that on Wed., February 22, Mike McGrath, gardening expert from *WHYY'S You Bet Your Garden* will give a talk entitled *Grow Your Best Tasting Tomatoes Ever*.

After brief discussion, it was decided the program should be:

- advertised to garden groups,
- submitted to the News Journal Events Column,
- announced to the general public by means of flyers pinned on community bulletin boards.

Ms. Kaufman said that library staff would make copies of the flyer for board members to pin on bulletin boards.

Since the largest library space holds approx. 110 persons, reservations are needed to avoid an overflow crowd.

Summer Concerts

Ms. Kaufman reminded the board that Friends' had sponsored two concerts last year and provided ice-cream, face painting etc. at the last one.

A similar concert program is planned for this year and financial support from the Friends is again needed.

The Friends' usually staff a table during the concerts to advertise their sponsorship, answer questions and renew memberships.

Ms. Kaufman also asked if the Friends could recommend any bands for the summer concerts.

In the discussion, it was suggested that perhaps ice-cream could be provided more than once.

State Budget Cuts

Ms. Bowes stated that Delaware libraries are facing a crisis in funding because of state budget deficits. Cuts need to be made and libraries could be adversely affected, especially if technology funding is cut, or the costs returned to each county.

Now is the time for all Friends of Libraries in Delaware to contact state representatives and senators to let them know that libraries are no longer just about books; they have diversified in many ways and are of great value to the larger community.

New Business

The board agreed to the following:

- Renew our memberships in the Friends' of Delaware Libraries and United for Libraries.
- Provide monthly snacks and refreshments for the library staff
- Reimburse any expenses incurred by Ms. Kantar for our Facebook page.
- Donate any dry-cleaned prom dresses to the libraries' Prom'iere program
- Consider sponsoring a Mindfulness Program by Cara Lee Palmer

A motion to adjourn was approved at 8:50 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, at 7PM in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes Galvin

