

# **Friends of the Fairmount Public Library**

Fairmount Public Library Back Room  
5 March 2005, 2:00 PM

There were nine people in attendance. The meeting lasted one hour.

## ***Old Business***

### **Space for Museum Days Booksale**

The Helping Hands has space available at their new headquarters on North Main Street. The 10' × 10' space is available from Thursday through Sunday (09/22/2005 to 09/25/2005) for \$100. We will find out next month whether a deposit will be required.

### **Booksale Details**

A book donation drive will be held in August to collect books for the booksale. A small ad will be prepared and posted in late June/early July in the News-Sun and other local papers. Circulars will also be distributed.

### **Finances**

A financial statement for 2004 and the first two months of 2005 was passed out. It is included here as an appendix.

The Friends of the Fairmount Public Library now has received a Federal Employer Identification Number from the IRS.

The next step is to set up a checking account for the organization. The details for acquiring the checking account, including the signing of forms and request for a letter of intent as a not-for-profit corporation, were sorted out.

### **Membership**

Ideas for increasing our membership were passed around. They included pre-booksale choice of book purchases for members and premiums.

Among the premiums we could make available are bookbags in various styles; T-shirts with the FFPL logo; and plastic pull-string book bags, again with our logo.

We talked about what our logo should be. One solution was a contest to design one for the Friends.

We discussed membership cards, and when membership ought to be renewed. It was decided that membership renewal notices will go out at the end of the year.

### ***New Business***

We distilled the goals of the Friends to these three:

- ∞ Help for library programs.
- ∞ Help in moving or expanding the library.
- ∞ Fund-raising for the library.

We talked about the need for space in the library. The library now has very limited space for meetings of any kind. Certain services such as tax help are unavailable due to lack of space. The upstairs is unavailable due to lack of ADA compliance, the weakness of the floor, and restrictions on remodeling due to the house's status as a "historical site".

Also discussed was the possibility of a feasibility study on moving the library. This in turn lead to talk about the progress of the Fairmount High School project. (Part of the main floor of the old High School was proposed as a new site for the library.)

### ***Adjournment***

The next meeting will be on 2 April 2005 at 2:00 PM in the library back room.

*Appendix: Financial Statement of the FFPL*

2004

**Receipts**

Membership Dues           \$ 30.00

**Total**                         \$ 30.00

**Disbursements**

State Incorporation Fee   \$ 30.00

**Total**                         \$ 30.00

**Balance**                     \$ 0.00

January 2005

**Receipts**

Membership Dues           \$ 101.00

Book Sale                   \$ 273.00

**Total**                         \$ 374.00

**Disbursements**

2x2 Book Sale Ad           \$ 15.60

**Total**                         \$ 15.60

**Balance**                     \$ 358.40

February 2005

**Receipts**

Membership Dues           \$ 10.00

**Total**                         \$ 10.00

**Disbursements**

None                         \$ 0.00

**Total**                         \$ 0.00

**Balance**                     \$ 368.40

*Updated 14 March 2005.*