

# **Friends of the Fairmount Public Library**

Fairmount Public Library Back Room

September 8, 2007, 2:45 p.m.

Present: Bettie Hurt, Linda Magers, Judy Miller, Joni Rich, Marilyn Roth, Diana Shutt, and Andy West. In the absence of Carolyn Jones, the business meeting was conducted by Linda Magers. Meeting called to order following the Public Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

[Notes on the Public Meeting are appended at the end of the minutes. -aw ]

## ***Old Business***

### **Minutes**

Minutes of August 11, 2007, were reviewed. Marilyn Roth moved that the minutes be corrected on page 2, first paragraph "One-half of dumpster bill" changed to "zero of dumpster bill"; seconded by Diana Shutt.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The August Financial Report showed an ending balance of \$2,296.58. Bettie Hurt moved that the report be accepted; seconded by Marilyn Roth.

### **Cookbook - Building Fundraiser**

Cookbooks should arrive in one to two weeks.

### **Museum Days/Book Sale**

Tent will be set up on Wednesday, September 26. The Friends group will preview books on Thursday, from 4 to 5 p.m. On Saturday, books will be sold @ \$5 per bag from 1 to 5 p.m. A sign-up sheet was passed around for workers to sign up for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Booth to torn down at 5 p.m. Saturday. Book sale hours will be 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. No Sunday sales.

The Junior Friends will host a bake sale from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday. It will be appreciated if our members would bake some items for their sale. Proceeds will benefit Junior Friends promotional items (t-shirts and ball point writing pens).

### **Usborne Book Sale**

This book sale is on hold.

### **Halloween Bags**

Joni Rich purchased a \$15 box of Halloween bags and stickers recently at an Upland rummage. Diane Shutt will discuss additional bags with vendor.

## *New Business*

### **Book Discussion**

Judy Picoult's books will be reviewed at 6 p.m., Tuesday, September 18. Carolyn Jones will serve refreshments.

### **Tables**

The library purchased six tables @ \$38 each at Lowes. Carolyn Jones was able to get a discount. Joni Rich donated \$25 towards the purchase of tables. Bill will be presented at October meeting.

### *Adjournment*

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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## **A Public Meeting**

for the application for a State grant to buy and renovate neighboring property and buildings into a new library.

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Linda Magers explained the nature of the grant from the Office of Rural and Community Development: A competitive application for money to fund civic projects such as ours. The grant application would be submitted on 14 September 2007. The results would be announced in October.

Linda has applied to various organizations, whose funds would not only help the library but also help back the grant application. The Lions Club would sell pens and hold a pancake breakfast, proceeds of which would go into the Building Fund.

Linda discussed the nature of the buildings to be purchased, the former laundromat and vintage car storage room with outbuildings and parking lot. The current library building would become an annex. The problems surrounding the school board bond issue are the reason that the library board will not be issuing bonds.

Linda also talked about the current difficulties of running a library on reserve funds due to the delays in receiving its tax draw because of property tax assessment troubles in Madison County, which shares a school district with Fairmount.

Linda expressed a desire for the library to be more functional for the community, which currently is not possible.

Linda requested donations (money, gifts, etc.) for the purchase of books and DVDs. The request was accepted by the *Marion Chronicle-Tribune* and the *Oak Hill Times*, but was blocked by the *News-Sun*. On the local newspaper, Linda reviewed the history of support for the library, which was generous during the 1930's and 1940's, as opposed to non-existent today. She also remarked on the mistakes that the *News-Sun* made to the library's recent budget announcements. She concluded on whether the library needed the *News-Sun* anymore to get its information to the community.

The public meeting ended at 3:00 p.m. with the start of the Friends meeting.

*Compiled from notes taken by Andy West.*