

# Friends of the Fairmount Public Library

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New Fairmount Public Library

Tuesday, November 4, 2008, 6:30 P.M.

Present: C. Jones, L. Magers, J. Miller, M. Roth, D. Shutt, and A. West.

Meeting was opened at 6:35 p.m. by Andy West, President, who also served as secretary.

## Old Business

### Minutes

Minutes of October 7, 2008, were reviewed. Linda Magers was not at last month's meeting. Marilyn Roth moved that minutes be accepted with corrections. Diane Bruch seconded motion.

### Treasurer's Report

Diane Bruch was absent but sent the October Financial Report, which showed an ending balance of \$656.37. The one major expenditure was for the armchairs in the front of the new library. Carolyn Jones motioned, Marilyn Roth seconded acceptance of the report. There was no Junior Friends financial report this month.

### New Library

The new library opened its doors on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The phone bill was high due to one-time charges for the transfer from the old building to the new one. Linda and Carolyn are learning the ways of the new telephone system. The new library also received two new tables with chairs, and two end tables with ceramic surfaces from the Citizens Exchange Bank. An outside sign from Lou Rae Rumble was installed on the tall sign post, which was painted with rust-proof paint. The library has had a lot of volunteer help to assist in transferring books, shelving and office equipment to the new library.

There are also plans for the old library, including renovations and repair of the front door, which was damaged during the move.

There are now new rules in place for the computer lab in order to prevent gatherings around the computers of people who are not themselves using the computers.

### Heroes Tree

The Indiana State Library is having a Heroes Tree ceremony on November 7. Linda will take pictures of the ornaments here for the [Heroes Tree on the Purdue Web site](#).

## **Annual Meeting**

The time for the Annual Meeting is 4:00 p.m. at the new library. The president will continue to serve. Marilyn Roth volunteered to serve as treasurer. Carolyn Jones volunteered as vice-president. This leaves the office of secretary open.

For a guest speaker, we will ask Beverly Richardson, a local children's author, to come. If she declines, we will look for another speaker.

There will be a gift basket this year as was done last year.

## **New Business**

### **Open House**

Linda Magers will present to the board the date for the formal opening of the new library. The proposed date will be November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Invitations will be sent to the architect, grant writer, town council and others. Ads will be placed in the *News-Sun*, *Chronicle-Tribune* and other local papers. Food will be served.

### **Book Discussion**

Due to the rush of the move to the new library and of the holidays, the book discussions will not resume until January.

### **Halloween**

All the Halloween bags have been distributed. A thank-you ad has been posted in the *News-Sun* and in the *Chronicle-Tribune*. A thank-you note will also be sent to the Lions Club.

### **Tax Exemption**

A letter from the business department of the Indiana Department of State asked for information that was more pertinent to a business than to a non-profit organization. A response has been put on hold.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the new library.

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