Minutes of the Board Meeting
Friends of the J.R. Van Pelt and Opie Library
Thursday, April 5, 2012, 4:00 PM

Present: Deb Charlesworth, Don Durfee, Eloise Haller, Amy Hughes, Dan LaForest, Kelly Luck, Karen Hubbard, Ellen Marks, Dana Richter,

Absent: Adrienne Minerick, Margo Woller-Carter, Mary Marchaterre, Faith Morrison, Patricia Van Pelt

Chairperson Amy Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

1) Minutes
The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed; motion by Kelly L., seconded by Dan D. to approve. Passed.

2) Treasurer Report (Kelly Luck)
Balance as of March 31, 2012 is $32,893.81.
Book sale yielded $3,637.52
Much discussion ensued about the large amount of funds in our treasury; $8500 has been budgeted for the library scanner; ideas for wholesome projects that benefit the library and provide visibility to the Friends are invited.

Motion by Deb C. and seconded by Dana R. to approve the treasurer’s report. Passed.

Kelly was applauded and thanked for handling the money, locking doors, etc. at the book sale.

3) Old Business
   a) 2012 Annual Book Sale: discussion of how it went and ideas for next year.

Booksale went well overall; fewer book buyers were present perhaps due to travel costs.

We must remember to remind buyers before the sale to not hoard books during purchasing as this was a problem with one seller again this year.

We had many boxes of unsorted books this year that were sorted to category during the set up, and this worked well

Deb C. suggested that a pricing chart would be easier for cashiers at checkout; she will prepare for next year.

At the end of the sale The Pavlis Institute selected about ten boxes of books for Ghana.

Baraga County Copper Country Mental Health took all left over books for recycling; approx. 30 boxes. Very few boxes (6) were brought back to the library for next year.
Ellen Marks suggested the possibility of smaller “mini-book sales” in the library throughout the year; withdrawn books and maps could be included.

Library Circulation Desk was not aware the book sale was going on and we should make sure they know next year as people were asking.

Next year need Scotch tape; other supplies needed for the sale?

Deb C. will send a general thanks to all for the book sale to Tech Today and announce how much was made and say that book donations can be made throughout the year.

A couple boxes of Reader’s Digest books were saved for Mary M.

b) Dates for 2013 Annual Book Sale. Deb C. checked into this; no Thursday/Fridays are available at the time of our book sale. Possible dates are Tue Apr 2, Wed Apr 3, Thurs Apr 4, 2013; second choice Wed April 10 – Thurs Apr 11, 2013. Deb will confirm.

4. New Business

   a) Date for first Fall meeting September 6, 2012. Amy H. will start email discussion in August to plan annual meeting and select speaker.

   b) Deb C. presented costs for envelopes and clear bags to sell cards individually; motion by Dana R. seconded by Don D. to allocate $57.64 for 250 envelopes and 300 clear bags for this purpose. Passed. Deb will follow up and check on selling cards at graduation.

5. Informational/Open Items

   a) Book Cart – Karen and Patricia will take care of over summer (Thanks!)
   b) Econo Receipts – Mary still accepting; send through campus mail (Thanks!)
   c) Financial Audit – pending

Next Meeting is Thursday, Sept 6, 2012

Meeting adjourned 4:50 PM

Book Sale Committee = Dana, Deb, and Patricia
Budget Committee = Kelly, Don, and Dana
Audit Committee = Amy and Mary
Art Committee = Patricia (chair) and Ellen Marks
Newsletter = Faith Morrison

Submitted by Dana Richter