Minutes of the Board of Directors of the
Friends of the Van Pelt Library
February 1, 1996

Absent:     Hoagland, Van Pelt, Dobney
Visitors:   none

A quorum of board members was present. Faith Morrison chaired; action items are in bold.

There being no changes, Hawthorne moved with support from Love that the minutes of the January meeting be accepted. Motion passed.

Nancy Fisher reported for the Afghan Committee that the artwork is with Riddle. It was necessary to send a purchase order for the entire amount of the order to the company. To cover this purchase, the Friends secured a $5,000, no-interest loan from President Tompkins. This loan is due June 30 in a balloon payment. We are still planning for a May 1 delivery date.

Terry Reynolds reported that he had been visited by representatives of the company St. Dickie's, which is planning on creating a Michigan Tech afghan as a for-profit item. Their projected selling price is $40, which would undercut our $50 proposed selling price. Their afghan will be silver/gold/black, horizontal format, and winter carnival theme. Our afghan will be blue/white with a campus architecture theme. Fisher will investigate with the MTU licensing people to see what arrangements St. Dickie's has made with MTU.

Betzi Praeger reported that the MUB ballroom A has been reserved from April 10 (noon) to April 11 (5pm) for the book sale. The plan is for an early sale for Friends only on the evening of the 10th followed by the public sale on the 11th. Praeger also reported that in the past the staff of the Portage Lake Library had been invited to attend a pre-sale. Ray Yarbrough and June Hawthorne reported that a poster soliciting book donations has been made with the help of Bob Marr; also an email announcement has been drafted. The email announcement wording was discussed and suggestions were given to R. Yarbrough. Phyllis Johnson will email out the announcement and see to it that it is submitted to Tech Topics and to the Lode. Johnson will also photocopy the posters. Terry Reynolds will have his work-study student post the posters on campus. Johnson reported that a box has been installed in the front of the Library to accept book donations.

Johnson reported that the proposed speaker for Tech Tea had to cancel. Don Riggs, Dean of University Libraries at U. Michigan will come instead, arriving at noon on March 27, the day of the Tech Tea. Johnson proposes Brenda Helminen as the IT representative at the Tech Tea discussion. Johnson will contact Helminen and proposed faculty members to arrange the panel for Tech Tea. Morrison will draft questions to be used to focus the discussion. Board members are asked to bring question ideas to the next board meeting.

Morrison distributed a draft newsletter which was reviewed by the Board. The Board agreed that the newsletter should be published twice a year in March and October. The full issue will be January 1996 and will be 2 pages long. Morrison will incorporate Board suggestions into the newsletter. Ed Yarbrough will update the membership list and print labels for the newsletter and provide to Morrison so she can send the newsletter out.

Fisher presented the treasurer's report. FVPL has received $100 in alumni donations and $2021 in membership donations since it began. We have spent $350 in printing expenses and received a $5000 no-interest loan. The balance in the account is $6771 with $5737.50 encumbered.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 7, 1996 at 4pm in room 301 of the Van Pelt Library.
Submitted by Faith Morrison, February 1, 1996.