Minutes of the Board of Directors of the
Friends of the Van Pelt Library
January 4, 1996

Present: R. Yarbrough, Hawthorne, Johnson, Love, Praeger, Morrison, Hoagland, Reynolds
Absent: Fisher, E. Yarbrough, Van Pelt
Visitors: none

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

The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. In a letter dated December 23, 1995 Peter Van Pelt had pointed out that the arithmetic on the afghan project was incorrect; the total amount of the expenditure should read $5737.50. Also Van Pelt pointed out that Phyllis Johnson and Fred Dobney should be listed as ex officio Board members per the by laws. Members of the Board therefore include:

Fred Dobney, ex officio
Nancy Fisher, Treasurer
June Hawthorne, Vice Chairman
Kim Hoagland
Phyllis Johnson, ex officio
George Love
Faith Morrison, Chairman
Betzabe Praeger
Terry Reynolds
Peter Van Pelt
Edward Yarbrough, Secretary
Raymond Yarbrough

There being no other changes the minutes were approved as amended.

Morrison reported that she had notified Tech Topics of the meeting times of the FVPL Board. Other members noted that it had appeared in Tech Topics.

Terry Reynolds reported on the status of the afghan project. The Afghan Committee (Reynolds, Nancy Fisher, Kim Hoagland) had met several times and prepared a design. The artwork was sent to Riddle Manufacturing December 27 or 28, 1995. It will take one to two months for them to get back to us with their artwork. MTU has received the licensing agreement back from Riddle, and therefore we have permission to use the MTU logos. A crude mock-up of the design was passed around the meeting and met with general approval. Darcy Way has agreed to advertise the afghans in the Alumni Magazine. The committee has also learned that the athletic programs are planning on producing an afghan as well; their version will emphasize sports issues whereas the FVPL-sponsored afghan design revolves around the campus architecture and history. The Afghan Committee will continue to interact with Riddle and will report on progress at the next meeting.

Betzi Praeger reported for the Booksale Committee (Praeger, June Hawthorn, Ray Yarbrough). The committee has met, and a subset of the committee met with Bob Marr and Ellen Seidel, the Library staff responsible for the book sale. The staff feel that the proposed date for the booksale of the second week in March is too soon - this does not leave enough time for Seidel to go through the shelves and cull unneeded books from the shelves or to go through book donations. The Library staff suggested fall or late May for the sale. Reynolds commented that he thought
we should really try to have it this academic year and earlier than the end of the term to mesh better with the academic calendar. Phyllis Johnson reported that there are already as many books available for the sale now as they had at the last sale. The Board agreed that we should aim for a sale this year, perhaps in late April. Praeger also reported that she, Seidel, and Marr had discussed the role of the Friends. The Friends can run the sale, set up books, and cashier. The Friends should not price books since this is not our expertise. It was suggested that part of the booksale include a presale event where members of the Friends have an early crack at the books at full price. This was agreed to by the Board. It was further decided that the presale should be the evening before, followed by the sale at full price the following morning, and a discount sale in the afternoon. Praeger agreed to talk to the Student Union staff to see what date would be available. The Booksale Committee is charged with gathering information for a solicitation of book donations for the sale. Johnson will secure about finding a barrel or box to accept donations in the Library itself. The Board will hear reports on the progress of the planning of the booksale at the next meeting.

Raymond Yarbrough reported on the Tech Tea idea. Valerie Pegg has said that March 27th is available for a Friends tea. Johnson reported that she has identified an off-campus speaker for the event: Dr. Joe Mika, Professor of Library Science at Wayne State University, Detroit. Dr. Mika could speak on *The Academic Library of the Future - What will it be like? Will we still need the physical space?* He is available on March 27, 1996. Johnson also reported that the Library has funds available for library science speakers, so there will be no cost to the Friends for bringing Dr. Mika to Tech. The Board agreed to go forward with the Tech Tea for March 27. It was decided that Mika would be asked to give a 25-minute talk followed by discussion by a panel including Johnson, Jim Cross (Director of Information Technology at MTU), and an MTU faculty member, perhaps from the College of Engineering. Morrison would moderate the discussion. Morrison will talk to Jim Cross to see if he is available. Johnson will negotiate with Mika for availability and cost; she will also recruit a faculty member for the panel. After hearing from Johnson that Mika is available, R. Yarbrough will contact Valerie Pegg and reserve the date for the Tech Tea. Morrison will prepare questions for the Tea.

Morrison brought up the need to get going on the newsletter. George Love reported that he has someone in mind to help out with the newsletter. Love will contact this person. To get the first newsletter out, it was decided to have the Board produce it. Morrison volunteered to coordinate. Morrison will write a column as Chairman of the Board, Fisher will be asked to write a piece on the afghan project, Hawthorne will write on the booksale, Johnson will write on the Tech Tea, and Morrison will include an application to join the Friends. All contributions will be submitted to Morrison in electronic form preferably by January 25. Morrison will bring a draft newsletter to the February 1 meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 1, 1996 at 4pm in room 301 of the Van Pelt Library.

Submitted by Faith Morrison, January 5, 1996.