

## **Board of the Friends of Brandywine Hundred Library**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, December 10, 2014**

Members Present: Kay Bowes, Agnes Galvin, Martha Gessler, Richard James, Claire Kantar, Michelle -Masitis Mooney, John Stevenson, Lynne Rosa

New members: Paula Evans, Angela Holodick, Kate Cummings

Members Absent: Natalie Burke

Also present: Jean Kaufman, library manager

#### Welcome and Announcements

This was a shortened meeting followed by a social hour with refreshments to celebrate the holidays.

Lynne Rosa opened the meeting by stating that the Friends' have had an interesting year and thanking everyone for their hard work. She then outlined her plans for the coming year. Ms. Rosa hopes to start monthly members' meetings in the library with coffee and Friends' materials available. On display will be our new banner that Natalie Burke has worked on so diligently. In addition, Ms. Rosa plans a Friends' picnic either in conjunction with or separate from the library concert series and also is considering a number of other ideas.

#### Election of New Board Members

There are four open slots on the board and three candidates have expressed interest. Each of the candidates gave a brief review of their previous activities and specific library interests. Then, ballots were distributed and Paula Evans, Angela Holodick and Kate Cummings were elected to the board.

Election of Treasurer: Mary Bowler ran unopposed and was reelected as treasurer.

#### Election of New Vice-President, Richard James

Claire Kantar's current term in office expires this month. She was challenged for the vice-presidency by Richard James who won by a small margin. Ms. Kantar was unanimously re-elected to the board as a regular member.

There was discussion of the length of terms for officers which Ms. Rosa wants to be limited to two years. Ms. Kantar stated that, in her view, board members and officers who had served longer and were familiar with the history of the board could provide valuable information for newer members. Board members agreed that the two-year limit could be waived when the board judged it beneficial for the organization.

Ms. Rosa reviewed changes to the by-laws made this year. Some confusions were eliminated and term limits were set at two years for both board members and officers. In addition, the election process was changed to secret ballots to increase privacy and allow for write-ins.

Miss Bowler moved and Michelle Masitis-Mooney seconded a motion to codify the changes to the constitution which was passed unanimously by both the membership and the board. Ms. Rosa asked to be given a copy as soon as possible.

#### Library Manager's Report

Jean Kauffman requested funding of \$1800.00 for a portion of the incentives for next year's summer reading program. Items she required included tote bags, stickers, folders etc. This year the plan is to reduce the number of small low-cost prizes and instead give fewer but more substantial ones, mostly books. Ms. Rosa moved and Mr. James seconded that the library be authorized to spend up to \$2.000 for supplies for the summer reading program.

#### Advocacy Committee Report

Kay Bowes reported that Delaware Libraries have published an internal document about book censorship. She commented that high school libraries are not funded by the state but have their funding allocated by the school principal.

#### Membership Committee Report.

It was agreed that Friends' membership forms should be placed in the library. The form for new members needs to be redesigned. We also need to redesign the Friends' website to make payment online available.

Ms. Rosa would like a list of members and a total membership number. Former members should receive a 'we want you back' message by e-mail if an address is available, otherwise by mail.

#### Program Committee Report

Martha Gessler reported that Pacem in Terris will join with the Peacekeepers to present a program in February or March, 2015.

A motion to adjourn was passed at 7:59PM and the assembled company enjoyed socializing and refreshments until library closing time at 9PM.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes Galvin (Secretary)