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

**Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

**Members Present:** Kay Bowes, Mary Bowler, Paula Evans, Agnes Galvin, Angie Hollodick, Richard James, Michelle-Masitis Mooney, Elle Van Dahlgren

**Members Absent:** Claire Kantar, Martha Gessler, Natalie Burke

Board candidate, John Fulgoney also absent.

**Also present:** Jean Kaufman, library manager and board candidates Jim Conrad and Lindsay Orr,

Welcome and Announcements

* Richard James (vice-president) welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.
* Request for funding for summer reading program prizes was submitted very early, allowing board sufficient time to discuss requests with Youth Librarian at the start of the April meeting.
* Friends’ are committed to support two summer concerts and will provide ice-cream after the July 22 event.
* Reminder to Program Committee at April meeting: Hy-Point Farms needs to be contacted and ice-cream ordered.
* Numbers for membership being renewed on-line are down—we need to increase our visibility to the public.

Approval of Minutes:

As the January meeting lacked a quorum, Kay Bowes moved and Michelle Mastitis Mooney seconded that the minutes for both January and February be approved as submitted.

Library Manager’s Report

BHL in Hackathon Kickoff in partnership with Delaware Division of Libraries.

* Robocode: Eight teens attended day-long workshop to learn basics of coding with Java, while building their own virtual battle tank.
* Students from *Zip Code Wilmington* led class, and guided teens as they designed bot’s strategy for battle. Participants very enthusiastic about program. Another workshop planned for the near future
* Comic Con--indoor-outdoor Comic Con Festival on Saturday, August 6, at Dover Library.

Will feature speakers, vendors, characters such as Star Wars and Snow White, etc.

BHL will partner with Claymont Library for this event.

Election of New Board Members

* Board members present elected a slate of three new directors: Jim Conrad, John Fulgoney and Lindsay Orr.
* Michelle Mastitis-Mooney is stepping down at the end of her term.
* **New President:** Kay Bowes was nominated and has accepted the position of board president.

New Business

* Mr. James stated that a few proposed changes to the bylaws will be voted on at the next meeting to allow the two weeks’ notice required by the current bylaws
* The regular business meeting was adjourned early to allow time for our guest speaker’s presentation.

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Annie Norman, Delaware State Librarian,** was introduced by Jean Kaufman. Her presentation was in the form of a brief TEDx she has made about how libraries can help patrons realize the American Dream, making the following major points:

* Individuals can use library resources to satisfy and further develop their innate curiosity; this leads to the development of ingenuity which is essential for achieving the American Dream.
* Journal writing, especially keeping a question journal, has been used by many famous people to record their queries and develop their curiosity.
* Library resources, which cover the whole spectrum of human knowledge, can be used to satisfy curiosity and spur further inquiry.

Refreshments and question time followed.

Mary Bowler asked if some of the many famous authors who speak at Philadelphia Free Library could be asked to talk at a Delaware library. Dr. Norman promised to look into this idea.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

The next meeting will be on April 12 at 7PM in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes M. Galvin