Board of Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, Jan 12, 2016

Members Present: Kay Bowes, Natalee Burke, Paula Evans, Agnes Galvin, Lynn Calder, Richard James, Claire Kantar, Michelle Masitis Mooney, Elle Van Dahlgren

Members Absent: Mary Bowler, Martha Gessler, Angela Holodick

Also Present: Jean Kaufman, library manager, Jim Conrad, former board chairman

Welcome and Announcements

As there is no current board president, Richard James (vice president) chaired the meeting.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the December 2015 meeting was made by Kay Bowes and seconded by Michelle Masitis Mooney.

Treasurer's Report: As Mary Bowler was unable to attend, there was no treasurer's report.

Library Manager's Report

Jean Kaufman reported that:

- Faculty members of Delaware Music School performed at a very successful Holiday Concert in the library around the fireplace. Repeat next year is planned.
- New Year's Party held at Noon on New Year's Eve, enjoyed by all, included cookies, balloon stomping, countdown etc.
- Story Room being used for special child-friendly displays. Currently, setup as Doc McStuffins medical clinic- children can play doctors and hospitals.
- Winter Reading Club in progress with Star Wars theme. Members will harness the force of the library and become Master Jedi.
- Ms. Kaufman has only 76 cents left in her Friends' petty cash account. Mr. James moved that \$200 be given to Ms. Kauffman for the library petty cash account.

Advocacy Committee Report

Kay Bowes reported that:

- Delaware Joint Finance committee will meet February 3, to allocate money for different organizations, including libraries.
- Annie Norman, state librarian, has been inducted into the Delaware Women's Hall of Fame
- EBSCO offers grants of up to \$150,000 for installation of solar power by libraries. If a library qualifies, EBSCO will deal with the contractors.

New Business

- Jim Conrad (former president) would like to return to the Friends' board. He is particularly interested in the garden.
- The board elections including the election of officers will be held at the March meeting and will be advertised on our website, on Facebook and in the library.
- The membership committee will draw up a slate of candidates for board membership including officers.

- Biographies of candidates to be posted on our web-site.
- Mr. James and Michelle Masitis Mooney to post election information on Facebook
- Annie Norman (State Librarian) to be speaker at our annual meeting.
- Ms. Bowes ordered more Friends' bags from JanWay; some in new pink shade.
- Income from bag sale was \$231.00. Mr. James gave to Ms. Kaufman for petty cash fund.
- Claire Kantar to contact Mary Bowler to sign checks for outstanding bills.
- Ms. Masitis Mooney moved that we rejoin the Friends' of Delaware Libraries for \$25.00

Ms. Bowes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Mooney at 7:45 PM.