

Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library
December 20, 2004

Present:

Carol Bull, Pres.	Pat Wendt	
Audrey Wolfberg, VP	Margaret Siro	Deb Bernhisel
Janis Gemberling, Treas.	Pat Reiland-Hess	Sandra Kohler
Grace Housley, Secy.	Walt Hagenbuch	Marilyn Iosue
Charles Bull	Linda Wieder	Barb McGary
Elizabeth Heim	Patti Williamson	Eva Hurliman

Carol called the meeting to order. Grace read the minutes from the November 22nd meeting and Carol asked if there were any corrections. Pat Reiland-Hess moved that they be accepted as read and Audrey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Janis reviewed income and expenditures for November and reported a balance of \$19,751.73 in our checking account as of today.

Library Board - Pat Wendt reported that the county approved giving π mill to the library which will mean an income of \$72,000 per year.

Officers have been elected and are:

Sue Starr, President
Jan Voss, VP,
Kathleen Gunning, Secretary
Pat Wendt, Treasurer.

The consultant has been hired and will start work in January. Pat stated that any money given by the Friends to the Library Board is used as a designated gift, not for operating expenses.

Membership - One new membership has been received. The new brochure has been printed and will be used for 2005.

Publicity - Charles has updated his list of all sources of publicity used by Friends. Carol reported that she has a press release concerning the Tree Fest ready and expects it to be in the Daily Item on December 22nd.

Barb McGary reported that there has been ongoing trouble with the Friends web site. Cindy O'Hora has changed it to solve the problem.

The new web address is: <http://homepage.mac.com/cohora/fs/friends.html>.

The tree fest site is: <http://homepage.mac.com/cohora/fs/tree04/index.html>.

Fundraising - Linda reported that there are about 70 crocks left. Many were bought during two nights of selling from the Community Room. The library staff have also been very helpful as they've been willing to take the time to sell them from the library as well.

Tree Fest - Everyone considered it to be a huge success, both as a fund raiser and especially as an awareness raising activity for Friends and the library. Carol reported that income for this event was \$1,673.45, expenses were \$664.66, leaving a balance of \$1,008.79. She reported that expenses were kept lower due to the donated time and talents of Brenda Mull at SU's print shop, Jim Black and Jeff LeFevre. Carol asked if the group felt we should plan another Tree Fest for next year and everyone agreed that we should. She will plan a meeting of the Tree Fest committee in January to discuss the event and plan for next year.

Barbara submitted a "Wish List" of items and programs the librarians feel would enhance the library and for which they are requesting funding from Friends. She stated that no money from Friends would be used for operating expenses unless Friends designate it as such.

Linda stated that the Degenstein Foundation is interested in providing programs and might also be a good source of funding for some of the programs listed. If this were the case, some of the money donated by Friends would be available to buy more books.

Barbara stated that she would be happy to write a grant proposal to see if funding through the Degenstein Foundation would be available.

After discussion, Elizabeth moved and Charles seconded that the Friends donate \$10,005. to the Selinsgrove Library for use for various programs in 2005. The motion carried.

Bake Sale - Grace reported that she and Pat Reiland-Hess met with Jane Hawn to discuss an event at Boscov's. A Valentine Bake Sale was proposed to be held on February 12th at the Boscov's mall entrance. Linda moved and Janis seconded that we go ahead with the sale. The motion carried and Grace volunteered to chair the event.

Book Sale - There have been several ideas for improving our sales. It was decided to put this subject on the agenda for January's meeting.

Election of officers for 2005 - the slate was presented as follows:

Elizabeth Heim for President

No candidate - VP

Barbara Grubb - Secretary

Janis Gemberling - Treasurer for one year

Eve Hurliman moved and Sandy Kohler seconded that the slate be approved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned and a reception followed.

The meetings for 2005 will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM in the Borough Council room with the first meeting on January 12, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Housley