

Present: Carol Bull, Pres.	Charles Bull
Audrey Wolfberg, V.P.	Elizabeth Heim
Janis Gemberling, Treas.	Pat Rock
Grace Housley, Secy.	Linda Wieder
Joyce Bilger	Pat Wendt
Walt Hagenbuch	Barbara McGary
Pat Hess	

Carol called the meeting to order and asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the October 18th meeting. Barbara stated that the summer reading costs included reading performers as well as book give away incentives. Audrey moved and Charles seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report - Janis reviewed income and expense activities for October and reported a balance of \$15,162.56 as of 11-17-04. The report was approved as presented.

Library Board - Audrey and Pat Wendt reported that three consultants were interviewed by the board and that they unanimously chose LeFevre and Wilk working with a consultant from Rhode Island. Contract negotiations are in progress. It is expected that the consultant will start working in January and complete the process of evaluation in about four months.

There are two vacancies on the library board. The present board will invite new members from names which have been submitted.

The board is requesting \$4000 from the Friends for next year's budget.

Librarian - Barbara reported that she is removing the Dell computer from the "Wish List." as it is now included in the 2005 library budget. She determined that a water cooler could be purchased at Wal-Mart for \$49.87 which would be cheaper than renting one by the month. She is looking into have the tech school build shelving rather than purchasing it. She would like to add a TV-DVD combo to the "Wish List" at a cost of under \$300. She would also like to add a program of live homework help called Tutor.com. It could be accessed from 3-10PM and allow a student to talk with a certified teacher for up to 20 minutes concerning homework questions. The cost would be \$1500 per year.

Barbara reported that her application for a grant from the Libri Foundation was accepted. The foundation gave twice the amount donated by Friends for the purchase of children's books. We gave \$350, \$700 was received from the foundation, making a total of \$1050 available to purchase children's books.

Barbara reported that there are 9 Susquehanna University students who work at the library through the America Reads program . The Sigmund Weis school at SU will be sponsoring fifteen hours per week dedicated to marketing the library. Barbara wants to be able to market it as a center for lifelong learning.

Membership - Our new membership brochure is being proofed. We have 133 members at present. Several different letters concerning membership will be sent to different categories of members.

Publicity - This was done for the book sale and has been re-started for the sale of crocks. Posters concerning crocks are again in local stores and publicity has been sent to the Daily Item, Snyder County Times, and local radio stations.

Nominating - Elizabeth presented the slate of officers proposed for 2005:

Elizabeth Heim - President

No candidate yet - Vice President

Barbara Grubb - Secretary

Janis Gemberling - Treasurer (one year term)

Audrey moved and Joyce seconded that the slate be accepted and the motion carried.

A proposed amendment to the Bylaws was also presented and would be added to Article VI as Section 6 if approved. It reads as follows:

"The President shall, at the conclusion of a two year term, continue to serve as a member of the Executive Board for an additional two years in the capacity of Immediate Past President."

Pat Rock moved and Linda Wieder seconded that this proposal be accepted. The motion carried.

Walt will send notices about our annual meeting on December 20th and about the voting that will take place at that time. Pat Hess will take care of refreshments.

Carol is requesting members to write an overview of their activities for the last two years to be available at the annual meeting.

Fundraising - Linda showed the new quilt which she purchased to be raffled next year. She'll take pictures to be posted in all the libraries.

Crocks - 150 more crocks have been ordered and should be in before late shopper's night. \$2000 is still owed on these crocks.

Tree Fest - Approximately 24 trees and several wreaths will be decorated by various individuals and organizations. An opening for those involved will be held on December 3rd and an opening for the general public on December 4th. Admission will be free, but people will be able to vote for their favorite tree by purchasing tickets. A silent auction will also be held for most of the trees. The last day for viewing the trees will be December 17th.

Book Sale - Janis reported that \$870 was made on the sale. She feels that the sale would be more successful if held a little earlier in the Fall as there were a number of competing activities on the same day this year. She was disappointed that SU students didn't show up to help set up or take down the sale.

Carol read a letter received from Marilyn Iosue concerning the details of her proposal to supply the Friends with bookmarks which could then be sold to raise money. She stated that the cost of printing would be \$62.28 per 100. She suggested they be sold at \$3.00 to \$3.25 each. She would like to receive \$1.15 each with the balance going to the library. After discussion it was decided that this project would not be profitable for us. Charles moved and Linda seconded that we reject the proposal. The motion carried.

Grace will notify Marilyn of our decision.

Charles moved and Joyce seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The next meeting will be our annual meeting on December 20th.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Housley