

Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library September 20, 2004

Minutes

Present:

Carol Bull, President

Pat Hess

Visitors:

Janis Gemberling, Treasurer

Barbara McGary

Joyce Bilger

Pat Rock

Fran Carroll

Charles Bull

Linda Wieder

Judy Fisher

Walt Hagenbuch

Pat Wendt

Marilyn Iosue

Elizabeth Heim

Carol called the meeting to order and welcomed the three visitors.

Carol asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the August 16, 2004 meeting. It was agreed that the section on Membership (page 1) should be amended to indicate that our revised membership brochure will be available at the Tree Fest in December. Our membership drive mailing will be done in early February 2005. The minutes were approved with this correction.

Treasurer's Report - Janis reviewed the report. The checking account balance as of September 8, 2004 was \$11,809.71. All 400 crocks ordered have been paid for.

Library Board - Pat Wendt advised that potential consultants are submitting proposals; interviews will be held with selected candidates. Bill Hauser (?) has resigned from the Library Board because of his new position with the Midd West School District. Pat also noted that the Board will be partnering with ERA Bowen Agency to have a wheel chance game at the Street Fair using the goods donated by Serendipity as prizes.

Librarian

Barbara requested that Friends assist in acquiring a Public Performance License from Movie Licensing USA to allow the library to continue the successful program of offering area teens a teen movie night once or twice a month. Joyce moved that we donate the fee of \$385 to allow Selinsgrove Library to obtain a license for the one year period October 1, 2004 - September 30, 2005. Elizabeth seconded the motion and it carried.

Barbara conveyed heartfelt thanks to Friends for all our hard work toward the betterment of the library. We expressed appreciation for this recognition.

Barbara advised that one item on the library's "wish list" from Friends will be a request to fund

the purchase of a Dial-A-Story machine that allows a child to telephone and get a 2-3 minute story read to them. The service is available 24 hours a day. The cost is \$1135 which includes the machine, loading kit, promotional material etc. A very talented volunteer, Patty Gaugher, will record the stories. Barbara will present a complete wish list at a future meeting.

Pat Rock mentioned that she would like to see the video collection improved. Joyce stated that a couple of people had mentioned that a water cooler in the library would be nice.

Barbara advised that the Snyder County Libraries Board is engaged in long range planning. If we have ideas please let the planning committee or board know. Carol asked that we be advised when some plans are in the works.

Membership - Walt advised there have been no new members in the past month.

Publicity - Pat Rock advised that posters regarding the crock sale were placed with local merchants who have been very cooperative. Posters are now down to comply with United Way's requirements. The posters can go back up November 1. Order forms that went to merchants were marked to allow identification of orders emanating from that source.

Charles advised that a press release regarding the \$1000 donated by Friends to the library for the purchase of books has been published. A press release about the crocks has been sent out and Charles will follow up with Daily Item requesting immediate publication which hopefully will fuel additional sales at the Street Fair.

Fund Raising

Linda advised that River Fest was rained out. We cleared only \$17 after the booth fee. She will look into protective rain screening for the booth.

Crock Sales - 400 ordered and paid for. 264 have been sold, of which 170 have been picked up. People can fill out an order form at our table at the Street Fair and take it directly to the downstairs hallway of the library and pick up crocks immediately.

Charles moved that Joyce and Linda be given discretion to order up to 200 more crocks based on their analysis of sales following the Street Fair. Pat Hess seconded the motion which carried.

Quilt Raffle - raffle ticket sales are good. The cost of the quilt has been covered. Mailing tickets to the general membership worked very well. Raffle tickets will be sold at the Street Fair.

Tree Fest - Jim Black has been working on promotion. Brochures will be placed on the table at the Street Fair, together with a small artificial tree with ornaments hanging from the branches. Each ornament lists a book the library would like to have. People can select an ornament from the tree at the Friends table and take it over to the library. They pay the fee listed on the ornament for the desired book and hang the ornament on an artificial tree that will be available at the library. Barbara will have the library teens decorate the ornaments. Carol advised that the

goal for Tree Fest is 24 decorated items - a combination of trees and wreaths. Fran Carroll passed around a volunteer signup sheet for Tree Fest.

Nominating Committee

Elizabeth offered a proposed slate of officers for 2005 as follows:

President	Elizabeth Heim
Immediate Past President	Carol Bull
Vice President	No candidate as yet
Treasurer	Janis Gemberling (one year term)
Secretary	Bobbie Grubb

This slate will be revisited at the October meeting. Friends membership will be advised of the annual meeting and the proposed slate of officers at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting by email or regular mail for those members not having email addresses.

Shelving for storage area - the group agreed that installing shelving will not fill our storage needs.

Book Sale - In response to Barbara's query as to when the library can accept more book donations, Janis volunteered to be at the library from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. every Saturday, starting the second Saturday of October, until the sale to accept donations of books downstairs. Pat Rock will publicize this.

In response to a question from Judy Fisher, the Board advised that conducting the book sale in conjunction with the Street Fair is no longer feasible, the Community Room not being available. The books are too heavy to lug to the street where there is no room to display them and weather can be unpredictable.

November book sale hours will be:

Friday, 11/5	9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Friends members 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Public
Saturday 11/6	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon (\$1.00/bag from 11:00 till noon)

Setup will be Thursday 11/4 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Janis will be chairing this sale. Carol Handlan is the contact to obtain Susquehanna U students' assistance.

Fund Raising Proposal - Marilyn Iosue proposed putting her poetry on merchandise such as bookmarks to sell to raise funds for Friends. She will present samples and cost outlines at the next meeting.

Resignation - Carol advised that Gloria Fultz has resigned from the Friends Board due to the press of other commitments.

Boscovs - Pat Wendt will see if anyone on the Library Board is willing to chair an event to be held at Boscovs. Linda must advise Boscovs by the end of September.

End of Year Report - Carol asked that each committee chairperson provide her, by the end of November, with a report on committee activities for the year. Carol will use these to compile a report to members at the annual meeting.

At 6:00 p.m. Pat Rock moved and Charles seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. The next meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. Monday, October 18, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Housley

(from notes recorded by Elizabeth Heim).