

**Friends of the Library  
Minutes of the April 11, 2007 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Linda Godley, Renae Brooks, Barb Bazan, Vicky Paulen, Judy Parker, Arlene Butler, Lavonne Rehfus, Pat Jacobus, Christine Dailey, Maxine Forward, Janice Williams, Rebecca Smith, and Betty MacTavish.

Welcome to new FOL member Betty MacTavish!

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by Christine D.* to approve the March minutes as read, *seconded by Lavonne R.* All approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Becca S. passed out an updated report. *Motion by Pat J.* to accept report, *seconded by Lavonne R.* All approved. Becca S. informed the group that due to personal time restraints she would be unable to continue as Treasurer. After discussion it was decided that Pat J. would take over the duties of Treasurer and Becca S. would assist her with the transition. *Motion by Arlene B.* to accept Becca S.'s resignation and install Pat J. into the Treasurers position, *seconded by Chris D.* All approved. Thank you to Becca S. for a job well done.

**Directors Report:** Janice W. asked the FOL members if they would purchase the requested bookends (approx. cost \$700.) and stool for the employees workroom (approx. cost \$100.) that the Library is in need of. *Motion by Arlene B.* that the FOL will purchase the bookends and the stool for the Library, *seconded by Judy P.* All approved. Lavonne R. will go with Janice to purchase the stool.

Janice W. informed us that the Library will be selling Memorial Bricks until May 1. Arlene B. will try to get an announcement into the paper. The bricks cost \$50. ea.

**Publicity Report:** Arlene B. put an ad in the paper to solicit for new members. Arlene rec'd more info from H&R Block and explained to us how they will contribute \$25. to the Library for any new customer that requests it. Discussion about how the FOL could publicize this info beginning earlier in the tax season next year.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Library Funding Cuts:** Vicky P. brought up the issue of the States proposed funding cuts. Janice W. informed us that we could also e-mail the Governor through the State of MI web site in regards to our opinions of the proposed cuts. Renae B. asked us to consider using a petition as opposed to asking individuals to send e-mails. Janice W. will investigate the petition idea and if feasible we will include it in our presentation at the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.

**Quilt Project:** Linda G. handed out a "Proposal for Quilt Project" that Shirley W. had written. It explains all the particulars and also informed us that "Patchwork Dreams" will put it tog. and quilt it for us as their donation to the project. It is suggested that the quilt be raffled off at the H.C. Harvest Festival in Sept. Linda G. showed us some samples of the material/colors we could use. On Friday, May 18 from 10-2 Linda G. and Renae B. will do a "mini" quilting workshop at the library for those of us who could use a primer. Renae B. will make poster/flyers in regards to quilt project/workshop to inform the community and ask for their participation. The goal is to have the quilt blocks completed by July 1.

**Chamber of Commerce Business Expo:** Vicky P., Renae B., Pat J., Chris D., and Lavonne R. have volunteered to (wo)man the booth. We will giveaway a book bag, book, and music c.d. as door prizes. Info/brochures regarding - becoming an FOL member, upcoming FOL fundraisers, memorial bricks, ideas for "library giving", State library funding cuts, & more - will be available. Lavonne R., and Vicky P. will bring tables to use. Vicky P. will contact Chris P. about a tablecloth.

**May Used Book Sale:** Vicky P. passed around a sign-up sheet. The sale will be May 10-12. Reminder that volunteers are needed to set up for the sale directly after the May FOL mtg.

**All Friends Linking:** Reminder that the KDL is sponsoring a program at East Grand Rapids High School on Wed., April 25 from 5-8. The program includes ideas for FOL fundraising, volunteer recruiting, etc. The cost is \$10. & includes a box dinner.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Book Discussion:** Renae B. & Janice W. reported that "Girls" by Lori Lansens was an enjoyable read. The book for May is "The Whistling Season" by Ivan Doig. The group will meet Monday, May 7 at 1:30, in the library. Shirley W. will head the group discussion as Janice and Jolene will be away.

**Other Business:** Pat J. suggested the FOL purchase a display plaque for the library to keep the community updated about the ways the FOL supports the library. Members present supported this idea. Pat J. will look into the cost of such a plaque.

**Adjournment:** *Motion by Pat J.* to adjourn, *seconded by Renae B.* All approved.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 9 at 9:30A

**Refreshments** Vicky P.

