

Friends of the Library
Minutes of the January 11, 2007 Meeting

Members Present: Becca Smith, Shirley Westveer, Arlene Butler, Lavonne Rehfus, Dorothy Shaffer, Janice Williams, Chris Poprawski, Judy Parker, Pat Bauman, Vicky Paulen, Christine Dailey

Approval of the Minutes: *Motion by* Lavonne R. to approve the minutes as read, seconded by (?) All approved.

Treasurers Report: Becca passed around copies of the current treasurers report.

End of Year Totals: Amt. taken in \$8436.48/Expenses: \$4777.44/ Amt. Raised: \$3659.04

Vicky asked Janice to report back next month if there is an asap item from the wish list that FOL should purchase.

Directors Report: Janice passed out Feb. library events calendars. Janice informed us that the library recv'd. 2 new grants to purchase laptops and computers. She is working on an 80/20 LSDA Grant for a 50k scanner/copier machine to use for historical document preservation. *Motion made by* Chris P. to have FOL become official partners and support the LSDA Grant with a \$1000. contribution, with the option to come back to the FOL if more funding is needed. Seconded by Dorothy S., all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

New FOL Logo: Barb sent Karen Bradey a thank you for our new logo design. A picture was taken of Karen with the FOL group and the new logo - to be submitted to the River Valley Shopper for publication. Chris P. and Chris D. will meet to discuss/research getting the logo printed on stationary, t-shirts, bags, etc.

February Dinner Fundraiser Change: Becca and Janice suggested changing the Feb. dinner to a "Father (or other significant male) /Daughter Tea". Selling corsages, taking digital photos, and serving finger sandwiches and cookies was also discussed. An "America Girl" doll could be purchased and raffled off. An "American Girl" storyteller could be hired as entertainment. *Motion made by* Becca to obtain the AG presenter/storyteller for (approx) \$175. Seconded by Shirley. All approved. "Tea" to take place Feb. 12 at 6:30P. at the library. Tickets will sell for \$10. One dad can bring unlimited daughters for this price. Chris P. will help decorate, Barb will make tickets and posters, Janice will order "AG" doll to be raffled off. FOL will pay for newspaper ad to advertise the Tea and raffle. Contact Becca or Janice to find out how you can help as event is coming right up!

2007 Fundraising Revisions: Revised list to be available at next months meeting.

Quilt Raffle: Discussed quilt raffle and quilting how-to's. Shirley will contact Linda about fabric and design suggestions. Shirley suggested she could put the quilt blocks together. FOL will purchase fabric for quilt squares.

Christmas Decorations: Vicky offered to store Christmas decorations in her garage attic. Discussed purchasing storage containers to use for decorations.

Book Discussion: Shirley reported Jacquelyn Mitchard, author of Jan. book title "Christmas Present", contacted the group via telephone. Vicky, Shirley, and Janice shared their favorite parts of the book. A good time was had by all the discussion group attendees. Pitchard will be at Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids on Jan. 29 at 7P. to give a presentation . The book for Feb. is "Unbowed" by Wangari Maathai. The group will meet Feb. 5 at 1:00P.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Drive: Discussed a membership drive for April. Talked about placing an ad in newspaper and sending out reminders to renew memberships and compiling a list of possible new members.

Fundraising Idea: Vicky mentioned receiving a fundraising brochure for recycling used cell phone/ ink jet cartridges. A collection box could be placed at the library.

Book Giveaway: Vicky asked members for suggestions for a community outreach program aimed at young children *i.e.* free book given from FOL to new area babies, etc. How could that work?

Other Business: Vicky will be gone for the Feb. and March meetings. Chris P. will chair the meetings in her absence.

Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING February 14, 2007 - refreshments - Pat Jacobus

