

**Friends of the Library**  
**Minutes of the January 9, 2008 Meeting**

**Members & Guests Present:** Arlene Butler, Vicky Paulen, Janice Williams, Pat Bauman, Judy Parker, Renae Brooks, Barb Bazan, Shirley Westveer, Pat Jacobus, Lavonne Rehfus, Linda Godley, Betty Riemer, and guest Brenda Burgess.  
Welcome new member Betty Riemer!

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Vicky Paulen.

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by Pat J. to approve the December, 2007 minutes as read, seconded by Arlene B.* All approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Pat Jacobus passed out an updated Treasurers Report. The EOY balance for 2007 was \$5,049.83.

**Directors Report:** Janice W. has been working on getting quotes for the blinds/roll up shades for the Community Room and her office. She showed us some sample material that could be used.

**Publicity Report:** Arlene B. thanked everyone for getting event info in to her on time. Arlene has put together a binder with all the newspaper articles, ads, posters, etc. that have been published or displayed for the FOL this past year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**FOL Shirts:** Renae B. reported that she is waiting until more members make their shirt choices before placing the order. Discussion about different shirts fabric content, wash-ability, etc. Projected "need by" date of early May (in time for the Used Book Sale).

**Library Christmas Decorations:** It was decided that members would stay after the meeting to take down the decorations.

**Books for Babies:** Vicky P. has talked to WIC organizers and received further info. Vicky P. wondered if we might be able to include a coupon in the bags for another free book if/when the recipient used/applied for a library card. Janice W. thought it might work if it was restricted to patrons living in the Montcalm County Panhandle Townships only. Barb B. has received a number of different booklets available from the National Association for Literacy that could be included in the bags. Shirley W. showed us the labels she had ordered that could be sewn into the bags identifying the TCHRTL FOL as the makers. Shirley W. showed us some wonderful handmade burp clothes that a community member has volunteered to make for the bags. Projected kick-off for this project is March/April.

**FOL Stationary:** Renae B. has ordered the stationary and it will be delivered to the Library upon completion.

**Father/Daughter Valentine Tea:** Janice W. reported that planning for this fundraiser is coming together and that the community is showing interest in attending. Barb B. passed out suggestions for menu options. The committee will meet after today's FOL meeting to finalize plans. Janice W. will e-mail committee members with the finalized plans. The date for this fundraiser is Monday, February 11. Doors will open at 5:30P. Tickets will be \$10. ea. for 1 father (or other significant male) and unlimited daughters. Ticket price will include a light supper and a signed book for each child. Author Dianne Glupker / illustrator Dawna Delsi will be doing the program. Tickets will be available at the Library. Photo portraits will be available for \$1. each. Corsages will sell for \$1. each.

**Donated Quilt Blocks:** Shirley W. handed out an inventory list of the donated quilt blocks. She will contact a qualified judge/estimator to help determine their value. Shirley W. feels some of the blocks are vintage and may prove to be of significant value.

It may be possible to make 2 complete quilts from the blocks.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Gardenganza:** Vicky P. handed out a proposal from Don Bauman for an FOL supported Community Plant Sale to benefit the Library. The sale could take place on Saturday June 7th and could be formatted like a swap meet/ flea market. Discussed the feasibility of such an event, that the location could be at or by the Howard City Farmers Market, and that publicity for the event would need to begin in March/April. Members present were interested in the idea and asked Vicky P. to contact Mr. Bauman in regards to his chairing this event for us.

**Book Discussion Group:** Members present that attend the monthly book discussions are pleased that attendance is growing and encourage all FOL members to take part. Discussed how they wouldn't necessarily have chosen the selected book themselves but find they ultimately enjoy the selection and the diverse group that meets for discussion. The book for February is "Wildlife" by Molly Goss. The group will meet Monday, February 4 at 1:30 in the Library Reading Room. Everyone welcome.

**Other Business:**

**Harvest Festival Quilt:** Shirley W. informed us that material suitable for quilt blocks will become available at “Patchwork Dreams” in March.

**Summer Garden Party:** Members present asked Pat B. to think about hosting a “Garden Party” at her home this summer for FOL membership. Pat B. is considering the idea.

**Yearly Dues:** Pat J. reminds everyone that your **\$10. yearly dues are now due**. Please pay in a timely manner. Thank you.

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.**

**Refreshments: Pat Jacobus**