

Approved as written 10/7/08.

**FRIENDS OF WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LIBRARY**

Minutes of the Board, Tuesday, September 9, 2008

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**Present:** Board Members: Flora Adams, Max Burry, Jean Cogle, Myrtle Engs, Ted Hiller, Claire Hurd, Terry Johnston, Evelyn Lee, Joe Rountree, Anna Wolf and Ray Wolf; Library Director John A. Moorman; Library Staff Member Christine White. Absent was Library Staff Member Carrie Binsfeld.

**Call to Order:** President Burry called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

**Approval of June 3, 2008 Minutes:** Mr. Burry asked for any errors, omissions, or additions to the minutes. There being none, the minutes were accepted as written.

**Membership Report:** Mr. Wolf reported membership decreased slightly between May and August 2008; however, overall memberships for the year have increased. Mr. Wolf and Dr. Moorman reminded the board that membership is cyclical and has also been affected by the current economy and summer holidays.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Rountree reviewed the Treasurer's reports from June through August 2008. The book nook and membership lines continue to generate excellent revenue. These line items along with the book sale line are steadily advancing to their budgeted goals. Mr. Wolf moved to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented; all agreed.

Dr. Moorman stated Ms. Binsfeld would be available at the October meeting to answer questions regarding the Annual Financial Report distributed in the current packet.

**Book Nook Report:** Ms. Adams reported 93 boxes are ready for the book sale. Ms. Johnston and Ms. Meyers interviewed and trained many excellent book nook volunteers over the summer. Ms. Lee continues to look for an additional weekend volunteer.

**Book Sale Report:** Ms. Cogle distributed the volunteer form for the October book sale. She discussed local organizations' competing book sales held during the summer and inquired whether the Friends should reconsider going forward with the price increase for the October sale. The consensus was to continue with the new prices since the quality of books supported the price increase. Ms. Cogle will be in contact with Ms. Binsfeld to coordinate the book delivery to the Community Building and the setup.

**Publicity Report:** Ms. Johnston passed around book sale posters for members to distribute in the community. Additional posters will be mailed to local businesses along with Program Services concert posters. With the Friends' and Dr. Moorman's support, Ms. Johnston will update a "what Friends do poster" and post it in the Friends book nook at both buildings.

**Action Item Book Sale Ads \$230 and Book Sale Postcards \$234.16:** Ms. Johnston moved to approve the expenditures for the book sale postcards and ads. After discussion all approved the motion.

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**Alexander Hamilton Final Report:** Acting on behalf of Patrick Golden, Dr. Moorman expressed thanks for the Friends' support of the Alexander Hamilton exhibit. The Friends' grant support for advertising, travel and honoraria, and reception expenses helped make the exhibit a success.

**Director's Report:**

**Action Item: Summer Reading 2008 Reimbursement \$9600** – Dr. Moorman updated the Friends on the successful Summer Reading program and answered questions. Mr. Rountree moved to approve grant request; all agreed.

Dr. Moorman answered questions and discussed the new carpet at Williamsburg Library, exterior restoration to the Norge Depot and a new roof for the James City County Library.

**New Business:** Mr. Burry stated Carol Mason is pursuing a non-profit entity to help distribute books to the disadvantaged, primarily in other countries. Ms. Mason approached Mr. Burry about obtaining some books from the Friends. She is interested in those books that neither the library nor Friends have use for- the items book nook volunteers dispose of through the DAV. The Friends and book nook coordinators were open to the request.

Mr. Burry presented local author Patrick McLaughlin as a possible speaker for the annual meeting. Mr. McLaughlin is chaplain for the George H. W. Bush aircraft carrier. His book, No Atheists in Foxholes: Reflections and Prayers from the Front, is a collection of writings, reflections and emails during his time in Iraq.

Mr. Rountree recommended former *Virginia Gazette* writer Paul Aron and author of the Colonial Williamsburg publication We Hold These Truths...And Other Words That Made America. Mr. Aron's book is a collection of narratives about the origins of well-known historical quotes, their history and impact on America.

After discussion the Friends selected Mr. Aron to speak at the annual meeting. Mr. Rountree will coordinate with Mr. Golden to book the theatre and schedule Mr. Aron. Mr. Rountree will attempt to schedule the event prior to the upcoming Presidential election.

**Old Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** Ms. Adams made a motion to adjourn at 5:05pm; all approved. The next meeting will be held October 7, 2008 in the Schell Room at Williamsburg Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine White