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FRIENDS OF WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LIBRARY

Minutes of the Board, Tuesday, November 11, 2008

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

Call to Order: President Burry called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Approval of October 7, 2008 Minutes: Mr. Burry asked for errors, omissions, or additions to the minutes. The Book Nook Report should be changed from “*...it is not clear to the public that sales from the book nook benefit the library*” to “*...library users do not know the books in the book nook are for sale.*” The minutes were accepted as amended.

Membership Report: Mr. Wolf reported membership is up from last year. Dr. Hiller emphasized the importance of talking to people about the Friends and explaining what the organization does. Membership continues to do well despite the current economic climate. Ms. Johnston asked for clarification between paying and non-paying members. Dr. Moorman stated many of the non-paying members are generally government agencies and local organizations.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Moorman presented the Treasurer's report in Mr. Rountree's absence. Dr. Hiller moved to approve the report as presented; all agreed.

Book Nook Report: Ms. Adams reported 20 boxes for the book sale. New signs for the book nooks will be forthcoming. Ms. Adams would like to give a short presentation about what book nook volunteers do. Mr. Burry heartily agreed and expressed appreciation for the volunteers and their work. Ms. Adams will present at the beginning of the January meeting. A small reception will be held at the January meeting to meet and thank the book nook volunteers for their work. Ms. Wolf made a motion to move the April meeting to the James City County Library so that Ms. Lee can give a tour of its book nook; all agreed.

Book Sale Report: Ms. Cogle discussed the October sale and thanked the book nook volunteers for packing boxes for the book sale. The sale was successful but the general feeling is that 117 boxes were on the low side for the event. The Friends discussed the selection process of items for the sale. Ms. Cogle answered questions for Ms. Adams about the salability of items such as videos.

Ms. Cogle thanked Mike Morrissey from Facilities for his help at the end when the movers did not arrive. She also thanked the Jamestown High School Key Club volunteers for their assistance. Ms. Cogle will be reviewing the logistics of the fall sale for improvement at the spring sale.

Discussion moved to the allocation of books at the conclusion of the sale. Currently books are returned to the Friends workroom to be included in the book nook and some have been given to local organizations such as the Girl Scouts, for a service project, and the Richmond County Library to help their library and Friends group. Ms. Cogle and others feel remainder items should be returned to the book nook area, especially given the few boxes that remained on

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Sunday. After discussion the Friends agreed to craft a formal resolution to require all remainder items from the book sale be returned to the book nook for inclusion in year-round sales. The Friends will vote on this item at the January meeting.

Publicity Report: Ms. Johnston requested more lead time to create publicity for events such as the annual meeting. She recommended making a decision about the next annual meeting in the spring so there will be ample time to create posters and other advertisements. The additional lead time will allow for greater publicity opportunities as well as provide more time to Jenny Payne for planning and production.

Ms. Johnston expressed her sincere gratitude for all of the hard work Ms. Payne has put into Friends publicity. She also thanked the volunteers who helped label postcards that went out for the Friends Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting: Mr. Burry thanked Mr. Wolf, Dr. Moorman, and Mr. Rountree for introducing Mr. Aron. Ms. Hurd stated it was an excellent meeting and Mr. Aron was well-received. The Friends briefly discussed ideas for future annual meetings.

Director's Report: Dr. Moorman discussed the budget for fiscal year 2010. He expects additional cuts to state aid. More information will be available once Governor Kaine has addressed the Commonwealth in December. Currently, Dr. Moorman is waiting for additional direction and information from the City of Williamsburg and James City County. Dr. Moorman thanked the Friends for their continued support and emphasized the Library will continue to provide excellent service and programs during this challenging time.

Dr. Moorman asked if Friends members would be available to speak with legislators about libraries at an arranged meeting sometime in the future. The Friends were agreeable. Dr. Moorman also asked that the Friends contact their legislators and encourage support of libraries.

New Business: Ms. Hurd discussed a donation of books to the library at Chambrel. Dr. Moorman explained how the library is bringing services to this location and others like it through the Outreach Services Division.

Old Business: None.

Adjournment: Mr. Wolf motioned to adjourn at 5:07pm; all agreed. The next meeting is January 6, 2009, Schell Room, Williamsburg Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine White