

FRIENDS OF CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY

Annual General Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 31, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 10:18 am.
- Attending: Nancy Neff, Sue Whitmarsh, Marie Brooks, Bill Harmer, Linda Ballard, Michele Mullens, Cynthia Silveri, Diane Bloom, Patty Roberts, Betsy Jarratt, Sharon Pignanelli, Dawn Caphs, Dayle Wright, Toni Keim, Susan Cunningham, Mitch Planck, Michelle Tuplin, Mandy Higgins, Jan Carr, Cheryl Albertson, Mary Budziwski, Jennifer Kundak, John Budinger, Karen Persello, Jessica Schmidt, Gary Munce, Sara Wedell, Julia Strimer, Camil Noah

WELCOME AND 2014 RECAP

- The membership was welcomed by Marie Brooks, President
- Marie provided a 2014 recap:
 - The Friends of the Library has existed since 1949.
 - We provide financial support to the library, approximately \$125,000 in the past four years. Last year we provided \$39,500. The funds support special programs such as Sonic Sundays, Comedy Series, and the Midwest Literary Walk as well as equipment and materials.
 - Our membership is typically 100 members.
 - The Friends did outreach in the community this year at the Farmer's Market. We also hosted a Business After Hours event with the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce.
 - We have a digital presence with a Facebook page and a webpage.
 - A new project this year was the Free Little Libraries, planned for 2015.
 - We provide volunteers to help with library programs. We also held the Star Wars event, working on the Say Yes to Success campaign, Barn Bash and the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.
 - How can you help out with the Friends? You can volunteer, assist at events and join the board!

2015 ELECTION

- The Slate of Officers was presented to the general membership:
 - President – Sue Whitmarsh
 - President Elect – Open
 - Past President – Marie Brooks
 - Treasurer – Nancy Neff
 - Secretary – Mandy Higgims
- There were no nominations from the floor.
- There was no discussion.
- The vote was taken and all present were in favor of the Slate of Officers as presented.

2015 PRESIDENT REMARKS

- Sue was introduced as the 2015 President. Sue has been our President-Elect.
- She is excited to bring on new board members at large this year.
- Sue thanked Mandy for organizing our annual meeting today. She also thanked Cynthia as Past President and Diane as outgoing Secretary.

PRESENTATION

- A presentation on the Leveled Reader kits was given by Jessica Schmidt, Youth/Teen Librarian.

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LIBRARY DIRECTOR REMARKS

- Bill spoke about the success of the Friends due to stellar leadership. Marie built a great team, raised funds for the library, added members in 2014 and 2015. The Friends also received an honorable mention in the Friends of Libraries Week Award.
- This year we also passed a millage and held the Barn Bash.
- Great Staff + Great Board of Trustees + Great Friends of the Library = A great unstoppable winning team!

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Bloom