

FRIENDS OF THE DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Minutes-September 1990

The meeting was called to order by President Rossiter at 4:05. Those present were: Sharon Alpi, Maxine Payne, Beatrice Bond, Julie Allen, Connie Requarth, Martin Seidman, Mark Sorensen, Jan Pritts, Mary Traxler, Edith Rossiter, Jim Seidl, and Shirley Edwards. *K. Beecher*

President Rossiter acknowledged Lisa Leach from the Circulation Dept., who represented the Quality Control Circle (consisting of Library staff who volunteer to meet on a regular basis to identify, analyze, and solve problems). Lisa presented a Queuing Proposal (solution to solve the congestion and confusion in front of the Circulation Desk to better serve the public). Two bids were submitted in a handout, consisting of a firm bid of \$1015.00 from Striglos Office Equipment and \$925.00 bid from Associated Office Furnishings. In closed session, Mary offered to pursue the possibility of locating a firm that might offer a lesser price for said equipment. Bea made a motion to approve the proposal, but not to exceed the amount of \$1015.00. Maxine seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sharon introduced Claudia Quigg from Baby TALK, who again thanked the Board for their generous unrestricted support of \$2,000, which has been used to greatly expand their mailing program. An annual pledge, no matter what amount, is greatly needed and would enable them to know in advance of the Friends' financial support. Claudia wanted to share with the Friends the on-going success of Babies and Books (which has been sent to 47 states and several countries) by relaying the news that Barbara Bush has been in contact with Baby TALK, congratulating them on the book and suggesting they they publish a version of this book for the new adult reader. Plans are in progress to do so in the near future. The State Library would also like to implement this series in all communities in Illinois. Claudia has put this idea in motion and will include a video tape depicting several communities in Illinois and what they are doing with the Baby TALK program.

President Rossiter acknowledged Ms. Apley, who requested financial support for an Author Series at the Library that would bring in authors from Illinois that have been published who would talk about their works and how they got published. She will be working with Project Read and Macon County Reading Council and the Decatur Public Library to present a Spring and Fall session. Decatur Area Arts Council will also be asked to help sponsor this series. The first two authors have been scheduled. Ms. Apley is asking for \$250. No fee will be charged to the people who attend. After discussion in closed meeting, Connie made the motion to give \$250. to the Author Series, seconded by Julie. All were in favor.

Mr. Seidl gave 75 boxes of old books that have been in the Book Sales repeatedly to the auction that the City recently had and received \$15. for them. Approximately 800 children heard the excellent storyteller at the end of the summer reading program, and the "Teenage Ninj Turtle" movie was a very popular event for the Young Adult readers.

President Rossiter asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes; there were none. Financial report was distributed.

Secretary report: Mr. Booth extended his appreciation to the Friends" for the gift of a framed print of the old Library which was given as a token of appreciation for his legal assistance. Received \$950. from the Decatur Area Arts Council for their part in funding the storyteller. Application will be sent to the State for a tax number. Nearly one-half of the newer book bags have been sold. A CD came due and Mr. Akins pointed out that the Friends have \$25,000. in a money market and suggested they purchase a CD with part of this money. Mrs. Rossister decided to put \$10,000 of the money market account in a CD, therefore, we have two new CDs—one for two years at 8.25% and one for 3 years at 8.45%. Mr. Akin suggested buying for a longer period of time due to current affairs. There is \$5500. in checking account. A change in the date for the book sale has been made due to prior booking of the auditorium. It will be held on Oct. 26th from noon to eight, and Oct. 27th from nine to four. Presorting of books to be sold for more than 25cents can be done in the storage room. Children's books from the old Evans Collection will be available for the Spring Book Sale.

President Rossiter showed the Board some literature in regard to future book sales. Acquiring donated books was discussed, such as a permanent donation box in the Library; operating a booth on a weekly or monthly basis.

Mr. Seidman announced he would not take chairmanship for the Book Sale this year but would help. Martin was highly praised for his many years of organizing the book sale. Connie will co-chair the sale. The Boy Scouts will be asked to provide carry-out service. Prices will be same as last year. Advertising will be done through the Classified ads in the Herald & Review and Prairie News, WAND, and radio stations.

President Rossiter read a letter from Ali Tarhan, who is returning to his home in Turkey and wanted to express his appreciation for the opportunity to be a member of the Friends' during his stay here.

Maxine distributed material sent by the Lincoln Library in regard to "First Night". More information will be given to the Friends at the November meeting by Mr. Seidl.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Next meeting will be November 8, 1990 in the Board Room at the Decatur Public Library at 4:00 P.M.