

FRIENDS OF THE DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

MINUTES-November 1990

The meeting was called to order by President Rossiter at 4:10, those present were: Edith Rossiter, Frank Verbanac, Martin Seidman, Beatrice Bond, Karen Becker, Connie Requarth, Julie Allen, Sharon Alpi, Jim Seidl, Maxine Payne and Shirley Edwards.

Frank reported the proceeds from the Book Sale were \$1796.19. He suggested prices be raised and eliminate culling. Mrs. Rossiter would like to have each Board Member select a month and be responsible for sorting books as an on-going project. Selling left-over books to Book Barn is a possibility. A new approach of selling books for 50 cents the first day and 25 cent the second day was discussed. Fewer donated books are still a problem.

President Rossiter asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes, there were none.

After a lengthy discussion in regard to acquiring more used books, Julie made the motion to accept Jim Seidl's offer to build a permanent box for donated books to be placed in the Library and the Friends purchase the material for said box, motion was seconded by Connie. All were in favor. To further visibility of the Friends Karen will place an article in the next newsletter asking for Friends of the Library members to volunteer to man a booth which would promote sign-up for Friends membership, sell book bags etc. (precise details would depend on number of volunteers). Those responding will also be asked to volunteer to help with First Night. Possibility of hiring a person to coordinate the volunteers was discussed. Whether the Friends decide to expand their role in the recruitment of volunteers for the Library was tabled until the results of the newsletter search for more volunteers is tabulated. Mr. Seidl will have an update at the next meeting after the Library Trustees have given a decision in regard to his proposal for usage of volunteers in the Library.

Secretary read invitation to Board members for the Volunteer Tea which will be held December 5, 1990 from 2-4p.m. in the Board Room. Mr. Seidl does not want food to be sold at the Frist Night event in the Library. The hours that volunteers are needed were given and duties explained. Programs will be held on all floors at the Library, times and exact details of those programs were not available as of yet. Financial report was distributed. President Rossiter said the second check for \$5,000. will be presented at the January meeting. Connie made the motion to present the \$5,000 check to the Foundation at the January Books Between Bites, Frank seconded the motion. All in favor

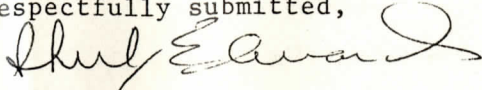
President Rossiter appointed Connie, Maxine and Bea to be on the Nominating Committee for next years officers.

President Rossiter asked that a special meeting be held in December on the 6th at 4:00 in the Board Room.

President Rossiter suggested that the January Books Between Bites be rescheduled to January 9th if the speaker is available on that date. All agreed.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley Edwards

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Due to illness of a family member Karen was unable to get the Newsletter out when she originally intended, and Mrs. Rossiter has been called out of town and therefore the meeting has been changed to December 13th at 4:00 p.m.