

FRIENDS OF THE DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes - November 1989

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 by President Rossiter. Those present were: Sally Melnik, Connie Requarth, Beatrice Bond, Martin Seidman, Karen Becker, Julie Allen, Maxine Payne, Mark Sorensen, Jim Seidl, Lois Boyer and Shirley Edwards. There were no corrections or additions to the September minutes.

A financial report was handed out to those present.

President Rossister asked Shirley for a secretarial report; Mr. Nakos was called and informed of the Boards' decision not to accept his proposal of selling framed prints or conducting art lessons to children; the names of six volunteers have been given to St. Patrick's for their reading program; Friends membership forms and a sign-up sheet for volunteer readers was made available at an informational program for volunteers held at the City Plaza in November; Mr. Booth has sent in a revised 501C status application, which all members are aware of except Frank, who has been out of town.

Decision was made to order 144 book bags with the picture of the Library, as it stands and Friends of the Decatur Public Library on the opposite side. Current price is \$3.50 each for a total of \$504 for initial order. (By printing on both sides there will be an additional cost.) Selling price will be determined when bags and final cost is compiled. Bea made a motion to order the book bags as described above, and the motion was seconded by Julie. All were in favor.

Mr. Seidl reviewed the three bids for the sound system and recommended purchasing the system from Televisual. By having the Library's maintenance staff help with installation, \$400 will be saved. Cost will be approximately \$2500, which includes a wireless microphone and four regular microphones. Motion was made by Maxine to approve the purchase of the sound system from Televisual and seconded by Lois. All were in favor.

Mrs. Gross's suggestion to sell T-shirts for the summer reading program for advertising the program and make money for the Friends was discussed and tabled until further information is gathered in regard to price and quantity to be ordered.

Mr. Seidl suggested having the book sale more than one day next year, possibly an evening, and also advertising in the classified sections of the local newspapers. Others thought the lack of sales might be affected by little or no parking facilities, not the right kind of books, or conflict with the Pumpkinfest. It was also suggested that an ad be placed in the classifieds asking that childrens books be donated for the sales. It was decided to try having the book sale for two days, starting on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday at the April book sale.

Mark announced there will be two films in January, February, and March on Saturday nights. Season tickets are \$15. Also asked that the film series schedule be included in the next Friends Newsletter.

Mr. Seidl expressed a special thanks to those who worked so hard and came in so early for the book sale.

President Rossiter named Martin (chairperson), Jim and Bea to serve on the nominating committee for officers in 1990. The annual election of officers for the Friends will be at the January Books Between Bites at which time additional nominations from the floor will be accepted. The slate of officers will be in the December newsletter.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Friends Board should submit their name to the Board. It was suggested this information be included in a future newsletter.

It was noted that the Library Board requested a copy of the minutes of the Friends' Board meetings.

Next meeting will be Jan. 11, 1990 in the Board Room at the Decatur Public Library at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley Edwards
Executive Secretary/Treasurer