

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting Minutes October 24, 2009

1. Welcome: Karen Barnhart, President, welcomed all of our guests to the annual meeting. She gave a brief overview of the past year and noted that we have had a great year and made a positive impact on our Library System. We met the goals set last year in terms of finances and in growing Branch Friend's groups to meet the ever changing needs of the Library and the Friends members as well as improved communication through our newsletters to our members. There were about 28 members in attendance.

2. Ballot Results: Karen introduced the ballot and officer positions up for election. The positions were for President, Treasurer and Board member at large. In all three positions the candidates ran unopposed. There was a motion from the floor that the ballot be accepted as is and that the candidates are voted into office. This was seconded and approved by all in attendance (a quorum) and the motion carried after Lori Mcallister, secretary, counted the proxy votes that had been mailed in. The candidates were Karen Barnhart as president (re-election), Bill Eagar as Treasurer, and Iris Stein as Board member at large (re-election).

3. Introduction of Board Members: Karen introduced the new and old Board members. Karen Barnhart, President; Jo-Ann Aragon, Vice President; Lori Mcallister, secretary; Bill Eagar as Treasurer; Ed Bostick, member at large; Denise Manning, member at large; Iris Stein, member at large.

4. Volunteer Recognition: Jo-Ann spoke about the time and effort put in by our volunteers and that the Board wanted to recognize these efforts and have begun to "surprise" the volunteer of the quarter by announcing it in the newsletter. She went on to tell about the ways in which our spring and summer volunteers of the quarter contributed to our organization and she brought Mary Jane Maulsby and Armeda Fairchild up to the front and gave them a token of the board's appreciation as well as the applause of all present.
 - ❖ Mary Jane Maulsby – Volunteer of the Quarter (Summer)
 - ❖ Armeda Fairchild- Volunteer of the Quarter (Spring)

5. Upcoming Fundraising Events: Upcoming events were discussed and sign up sheets were available for members to sign up to help. All members were encouraged to sign up for something. Special mention was made about donations of trees... for the Festival of Tiny Trees.
 - ❖ Euharlee Library "yard sale", Saturday October 31, 2009, 10-12Noon; Old Euharlee Library
 - ❖ Winter Book Sale, Saturday December 5, 2009

- ❖ Festival of Tiny Trees, Wreaths and Ornaments (FOL in partnership with the Cartersville Women's Club), December 7-11, 2009
6. FY 2010 Goals: The goals of our organization for fiscal year 2010 and the reasons for these goals were discussed. They are as follows:
- ❖ Continue to improve communication and involvement of the Friends organization to facilitate growth and meet the needs of its members.
 - ❖ Expand the scope of Friends support to include more business partners.
 - ❖ Increase fundraising as a system to exceed FY 2009 revenue by 2%.
7. Presentation of Checks to Library: With all the fundraising accomplished, the system Friends of the Library Board (Cartersville FOL) as well as the Branch Friend's groups presented checks to the System and Branch libraries for their use in purchasing books and media for patron's use.
- ❖ Adairsville Library Friends- Adairsville FOL presented a check for \$500 to Becky Stiles (Branch manager of the Adairsville branch) earlier this past week.
 - ❖ Euharlee Library Friends- Euharlee FOL member, Tanya Barrett, on behalf of the Euharlee FOL presented Sheri Scovil (Branch manager of the Euharlee branch) a check for \$1,000 at the annual meeting.
 - ❖ Cartersville Library, System Friends- Karen Barnhart, on behalf of the Cartersville system FOL presented Carmen Sims (System Library Director) a check for \$10,000.

At the completion of the business portion of the meeting all present were invited to a program presented by Kent "The Deck Chef" Whitaker and his dog, Moses a rescued Golden Retriever. Kent spoke about the ease of tailgating and the need to enjoy the event. He answered questions while grilling up peppers, onions and sausages to be eaten along with many other goodies and an incredible looking cake that was made to look like a stack of books that was donated by local bakery Dragonfly.