Friends of the Andersen Horticultural Library

Regular Meeting, January 23, 2017, 1:00 pm

President Paul Schlick welcomed members of the Friends and visitors.

The following attendees signed in: Kathy Allen, Mary Diane Bass, Joan Behrendt, Mike Behrendt, Cecelia Boone, Gail Brinkworth, Wendy Brockman, Gretchen Burau, Mary Cheleen, Sue Cornelius, Susan Cross, Doc Dougherty, Meric Dougherty, Susan Grant, Renee Jensen, George Klacan, Mary Lou Klacan, Shirley Mah Kooyman, Mary Ann LaValle, Pamela Layton, Suzy Loefquist, Dick Miller, Sue Miller, Peter Moe, Susan Moe, Mary Nolte, Patricia Peterson, Ery Sand, Harold Sand, Judy Schlick, Paul Schlick, Pat Schott, Mary Schumacher, Anne Stelter, Norton G. Stillman, Monika Stumpf, Lucienne Taylor, Bob Torkelson, Diane Williams.

Secretary Wendy Brockman asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting as emailed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Book Sale Chair Judy Schlick presented the Book Sale Report.

- Book sorting is ongoing every Tuesday as needed. Speak to Judy if you are interested in volunteering.
- A volunteer coordinator is needed to manage eBay sales of valuable donated books. Please speak to Judy if you are interested in volunteering.
- The 2017 FAHL Book Sale will be October 5 (evening FAHL member preview sale), 6, 7, 8, in the MacMillan Auditorium, not the Snyder Building Auditorium as in past years.
- Additional table rental is being considered.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Treasurer Barbara Spannaus.

- The Friends account balance is $26,897.84 less a reserve of $7,500.00 ($2,000.00 required by the Friends Board plus $5,500.00 to help support a botanical art exhibition in 2019) leaving $19,397.84 available.
- The Treasurer’s Report was approved. Report details and financial information are available in the library to any member upon request.

The Membership Report was presented by Membership Chair Barbara Spannaus.

- Currently there are 103 members.

Librarian Kathy Allen presented the Library Report.

- There is a new display in the library. Titled “Natural Reflections: Original Art at the AHL,” it highlights the variety of original art that is part of the Library’s collection and includes many original pieces.
- The first art pieces were juried into the Flora & Fauna Illustrata collection. There are currently 12 pieces, a few of which will be on display during today’s break; others are in the exhibit.
- Plant Information Online went live at the end of October, though usable and much slicker than before, it is still experiencing glitches.
• A proposal was submitted to have two early rare books digitized, along with a similar volume from the Wangensteen Historical Library (on campus). The proposal was accepted and one of the books has already been completed. The other book, Fuchs's *De Historia Stirpium*, from 1542, will be worked on next week but will be on display here right after the business meeting. The volume from the Wangensteen Library is the same edition but appears very different, as the hand-coloring was done by different people and there is different marginalia, or writing on the margins and on the image pages. It is valuable to scholars to be able to compare these and especially easy to do so online.

• Kathy will be showing rare books of bird art to three Tropical Bird painting classes at the Arboretum the next three Saturdays.

• Kathy and Friends member Judy Spiegel will be giving a presentation to the public at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts in early March. The talk will be on botanical art "then and now". Kathy will talk about florilegia and Judy will show the modern process of botanical painting.

• Thanks to Library Assistant Susan Moe and Jen Neveau (U Libraries web developer), the Library's web pages have all been updated and moved to a University of Minnesota Libraries site: [http://lib.umn.edu/ahl](http://lib.umn.edu/ahl) [Kathy gave a demonstration of the site]. One of the great benefits is that you can now search our catalog right from the home page and you can also search images that we've had digitized, such as the Three Seedswomen seed catalogs or the Agnes Williams & Emma Roberts watercolors from the 1800s.

The Program Committee Report was presented by Kathy Allen.

• Today's speaker is Julia Bohnen and her talk will be *Gardening with Native Plants to Create Pollinator Habitats*.

• Phyllis Roor, the award-winning children's author, will be the guest speaker at the April 24th meeting.

President Paul Schlick presented Other Business.

• "Miserable Day" is scheduled for April 26th. A signup sheet is available in the library.

• The FAHL July meeting will be held at the Bec Center.

• Many members expressed interest in FAHL Field Trips and the possibilities will be explored further.

• An announcement was made that Arboretum management now requires Arboretum membership for all volunteers.

• Arboretum Director and Friends member Peter Moe presented ideas why FAHL members should also be Arboretum members which included:
  • Use by FAHL of Arboretum facilities without charge.
  • Maintenance of Arboretum facilities.
  • Use of Arboretum staff expertise without charge, such as Accounting, Marketing, Reservations, and Public Relations.
  • Use of Arboretum tax identification number for the FAHL annual book sale.

• In light of Peter's comments, a motion to table the FAHL board proposal that the by-laws be amended to not require Arboretum membership for Friends membership was passed.

• Discussion took place regarding the proposed by-laws change to allow absentee voting on future by-laws changes. Members expressed concerns with the proposal which included:
  • Absentee ballots could possibly be cast by members without discussion.
  • Absentee voting could possibly affect the required two thirds majority.
  • Absentee voters could not vote on a changed motion during a meeting.
  • The Friends would need to develop a definition of the process of how absentee ballots would be submitted and counted.
  • Issues of responsibility would need to be addressed.
  • Discomfort with giving inactive members voting privileges.

• A motion to table the FAHL board proposal that the by-laws be amended to include absentee voting privileges for Friends members was passed.
• The Friends board will discuss what further action, if any, to take regarding absentee voting on proposed changes to the by-laws. The last by-laws change occurred in 2010.

President Paul Schlick adjourned the meeting.

Vice President Shirley Mah Kooyman presented speaker Julia Bohnen who gave a wonderful talk about gardening with native plants to create pollinator habitat which was enjoyed by all.

Treats were provided courtesy of Judy Schlick and Renee Jensen.

A copy of Craig Blacklock’s book *The Lake Superior Images* was given away as a door prize. The lucky winner was Pat Peterson.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Wendy Brockman
March 22, 2017

**Reminders:**

• Our next Friends meeting will be Monday, April 24, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Snyder Auditorium. The speaker will be award-winning children’s author Phyllis Root.

• The July 24th meeting will be at the Tashjian Bee & Pollinator Discovery Center near the red barn and our speaker will be Heather Holm, author of *Bees: An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide* and *Pollinators of Native Plants*. She will give a talk titled “Common Native Bees: Their Life Cycles and Foraging Behaviors.”