President Paul Schlick welcomed members of the Friends and visitors.


Secretary Wendy Brockman asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting as mailed. 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.
- 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.
- Members are encouraged to ask friends to donate items for the book sale.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Treasurer Barbara Spannaus.
- The Friends account balance is $26,562.61 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 $19,062.61 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 112 members.
- Members are asked to encourage new memberships.
- New membership cards are in development.
- Barbara will be retiring in June of 2018 and a new Membership Chair will be needed.
Librarian Kathy Allen presented the **Library Report**.

- The Library is holding “Miserable Day” this Wednesday. Interested members are asked to please sign up.
- The next Library exhibit will open on May 2. Titled *Seed Stories: The Minnesota Chapter*, it will feature seed and nursery catalogs and artifacts exclusively from Minnesota companies. The exhibit will be open through Labor Day. When CBHL members are here, we want to have an exhibit that highlights one of AHL’s collection strengths – seed catalogs are a natural choice. You may remember the Seed Stories exhibit from six years ago (yes, 2011!) – this will make use of a small part of that material but will be supplemented with actual catalogs and artifacts like belt buckles, temperature gauges and other interesting paraphernalia.

- An exhibit of textiles paired with rare books is lined up for the fall. More details will be provided at the July Friends meeting.
- The second group of *Flora & Fauna Illustrata* art pieces were juried into the *Flora & Fauna Illustrata* collection on Saturday, April 22. We currently have 21 pieces, and are planning an exhibit that will open the last day of August in the Rampway.
- The first full week of June we are hosting members of the Council on Botanical & Horticultural Libraries, better known & more easily remembered as, CBHL. Many thanks to Barb Spannaus, our volunteer CBHL meeting treasurer. To learn more about CBHL, read the article Renee Jensen wrote for the Friends of AHL Newsletter, and, go to the website cbhl.net.

The **Program Committee Report** was presented by Kathy Allen.

- Phyllis Root, the award-winning children’s author, will be our guest speaker today. She is the author of over 40 books, almost all of them picture books, both fiction and non-fiction. You may recognize *Big Belching Bog* and *Plant a Pocket of Prairie*. She will be speaking with us today on “Discovering Minnesota: Learning about the Diversity of Habitats, the Inhabitants, and Phenology.”
- Our July speaker will be Heather Holm, who has just authored her second book on pollinators, titled *Bees: An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide*, so useful for anyone wanting to help our native bees. Heather’s topic will be “Common Native Bees: Their Life Cycles and Foraging Behaviors”.
- Dylan Hannon will be our October speaker. Dylan is Curator of the Conservatory & Tropical Collections at The Huntington, in San Marino, CA.
- The other program is our special luncheon event in conjunction with the CBHL meeting. Our speaker this year will be Mira Nakashima, who will speak about her father’s work. Her father was, of course, George Nakashima. That event will be on Friday, June 9th. Invitations will be sent by email and by regular mail in the next week or two.

President Paul Schlick presented **Other Business**.

- The 2017 - 2018 Budget was approved by the membership.
- **The July 24th meeting will be at the Tashjian Bee & Pollinator Discovery Center.**
- “Miserable Day” is scheduled for April 26th and volunteers are needed.
- Thanks to the Library staff for their continuing support of Friends activities.
Director Peter Moe introduced Alan Branhagen the Arboretum’s new director of operations.

Vice President Shirley Mah Kooymen presented speaker Phyllis Root, children’s book author, who gave a wonderful talk “Discovering Minnesota: Learning about the Diversity of Habitats, the Inhabitants, and Phenology.”

Treats were provided courtesy of Mary Klacan and Anne Stelter.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Wendy Brockman
July 1, 2017

**Reminders:**

- Our next Friends meeting will be Monday, July 24th, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. 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”.