In attendance: Christine Aho, Kathy Allen, Mary Bass, Joan Behrendt, Mike Behrendt, Cecilia Boone, Gretch Burau, John Cheelen, Mary Cheelen, Sue Cornelius, Susan Cross, Doc Dougherty, Meric Dougherty, Marlys Engh, Phil Engh, Bob Fields, Sue Galloway, Brenda Hauschild, Patricia Hauser, Renee Jensen, George Klacan, Mary Klacan, Shirley Mah Kooymen, Pamela Layton, Susan Lundgren, Karen McCauley, Tim McCauley, Bev Meakins, Jo Mihelich, Dick Miller, Sue Miller, Susan Moe, Mary Notte, Amy Owen, Pat Peterson, Dorothy Roy, Paul Schlick, Pat Scott, Monika Stumpf, Dick VanWagner, Barb Zins, Mike Zins.

Pres. Paul Schlick welcomed everyone, and asked the group about “good summer reads.” Some book titles mentioned included *Word by Word*, *Fortune Cookie Chronicles*, *Redemption Road (Star-Trib serial)*, *China Garden*, *A Man’s Reach*.

The **Treasurer’s report** was given by Barb Spannaus. Balance at the time was $25,038. Friends funds had helped support the Mira Nakashima’s expenses for her talk given in June to CBHL and the Friends.

**Membership report** was given by Barb Spannaus. She will send out the renewal forms to the Friends next week. We have 118 active members, slightly down from last year. Barb will retire as membership chair after this year.

**Secretary’s Report**: Paul asked that the Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as sent out. They were seconded, and approved.

In Judy Schlick’s absence, Paul Schlick gave the **Booksale report**. The sale will be Friday Oct 6-8 from 10 am – 4 pm. Presale for the Friends group will be Thur Oct 5 from 3:30 pm to 6 pm. The sale will be located in the McMillan Auditorium this year. We still need book donations and volunteers to work at the sale.

The **Library Report** was given by Kathy Allen. She talked about the success of the 2017 CBHL conference which was hosted by Andersen Horticultural Library. She thanked the Friends for helping with costs associated with bringing Mira Nakashima to talk at the conference. The Queen Anne Room at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the Bakken Museum have some of AHL’s books on display. The Seed Stories: Minnesota Chapter Exhibit will be on display in the library through Labor Day. An FFI exhibit is coming soon – located in the connecting hallway from Aug 31 to Nov 15. There will be an Oct. 1 Reception for the FFI Artists, their family and friends. Another exhibit featuring textiles, *Foraging for Substance*, will run from Sept. 8 – Feb 26 in the library.

The **Program Report** was given (sorry I think it was Shirley K??) Heather Holm is speaking today on Native Bees. Her latest book on native bees is for sale at the meeting and can be signed by Heather. Our Oct. 23 meeting will have Dylan Hannon speaking. He is the Curator of the Huntington Tropical Collection in California.
Nominating Committee: Shirley Kooyman read the slate of proposed officers. The vote was unanimous to for the proposed candidates.

New Business: Kathy Allen has a proposal for spending some funds. The FFI exhibition is in need of funding for framing and matting of artwork. There are 29 pieces of artwork. Total cost may run 3000 to 5000 dollars. The Arboretum will be providing 1500 dollars. Kathy proposed that the friends allot 1500 dollars toward this project. There was discussion and concerns about the the FFI display: such as space concerns and long-term commitment of funding. A motion to provide 1500 dollars toward framing of FFI artwork was made and it was passed.

Paul read a letter from Amy Kasemeyer, President of CBHL, thanking the Friends group for helping provide funding for Mira Nakashima’s talk.

The Friends Annual Picnic will be Sunday Sept. 17, Picnic Shelter B, noonish, eating at 12:30.

It was announced that Matt Schuth has written a book. There will be a July 29th book signing at the Arboretum Store.

The meeting concluded.

Treats were provided for the meeting courtesy of Sue Cornelius and Meric Dougherty.

Heather Holm gave a great presentation on Native Bees: their physical characteristics, their floral preferences, their diet, and some information on common genera.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Moe