Friends of the Andersen Horticultural Library
Regular Meeting, April 23, 2018, 1:00 pm

President Paul Schlick welcomed members of the Friends and visitors. Spring weather was discussed and new members were introduced.


Secretary Wendy Brockman asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the October 2017 meeting as mailed (the January 2018 meeting was canceled due to weather). The motion was seconded and passed.

• Book Sale Chair Judy Schlick presented the Book Sale Report.
• Books have slowly started to come in and members are encouraged to drop off books and to ask friends to donate items for the book sale.
• The 2018 Book Sale will be September 28, 29 and 30th (a week earlier than usual) in the MacMillan Auditorium. The Friends Members’ pre-sale will be Thursday, September 27th from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Members only, no book resellers.
• Book sorting is ongoing every Tuesday from 9:00 am - noon as needed. Speak to Judy if you are interested in volunteering.
• Contact Judy Schlick or the library if you know of a good place to put out some of the new FAHL rack cards and 2018 Book Sale information.

The Membership Report was presented by Membership Chair Mike Behrendt.
• Currently there are 128 members.
• Membership renewal letters will be sent out in June.
• Members were asked to take some of the new FAHL rack cards and ask their friends to join.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Treasurer Barbara Spannaus.
• The Friends account balance is $27,479.00 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 $19,979.00 available.
• The Treasurer’s Report was approved. Report details and financial information are available in the library to any member upon request.

President Paul Schlick reported on a surprise $1,500 donation the FAHL received from Mr. Charles Thurston of Texas and read an email from Mr. Thurston explaining his motivation.

President Paul Schlick presented the 2018-19 budget.
FAHL Proposed Budget

### FY18 FY19

**REVENUE:**
- **Book Sale:** $10,200.00 $10,500.00
- **Membership:** 1,800.00 2,000.00
- **Events:** 1,700.00 1,700.00
- **Other:** 1,600.00 3,000.00
- **Total Revenue:** $15,300.00 $17,200.00

**EXPENSE:**
- **AHL Operations:** $10,000.00 $10,000.00
- **AHL Endowment:** 1,000.00 3,000.00
- **FAHL Projects:** 1,000.00 500.00
- **FAHL Book Sale:** 300.00 400.00
- **FAHL Operations:** 3,000.00 4,200.00
- **Total Expense:** 15,300.00 18,100.00

**NET INCOME:**
- **FY18:** $0 ($900.00)

**Notes:** Expense increase largely due to:
1) Increase in annual contribution to AHL Endowment, and
2) FAHL assumption of costs for printing semi-annual FAHL newsletter.

- An increase in FAHL budgeted funds to the library endowment was discussed and a presentation by Susan Taylor of the Arboretum's Planned Giving office is scheduled for the July meeting.
- Budgeted funds for FAHL Operations were increased from $1,000.00 to $3,000.00 to pay for the cost of printing and mailing the FAHL newsletter.
- The 2018-19 Budget was approved.

Librarian Kathy Allen presented the **Library Report.**
- There has been a change of days and hours that the library will be open. The library is now closed Sundays, Mondays & holidays. The new hours are 8:30 - 4:30 Tuesday through Friday, and 10:30 - 4:30 on Saturdays. FAHL members are welcome to visit the library on Mondays after every quarterly meeting.
- Susan Moe and Christine Aho have both retired. Lee Anne Laskey has been hired for one position and the library is hoping to have someone else on board soon. [Update: Julie Friedman has been hired for the second position.]
- Flora & Fauna Illustrata (FFI) update: 13 pieces were juried this morning and 12 were accepted for inclusion. There are now a total of 44 artworks in the collection. An FFI exhibit is planned for this fall, which will include Minnesota Hardy plants and trees.
- Through Sunday, April 29th, there is a display in the library celebrating the Arboretum's 60th anniversary, specifically 60 years of outstanding displays, protected natural areas, education, and plant breeding, in addition to 110 years of horticultural research at the HRC.
- On May 5th, an exhibit will open in the library titled *Sacred Earth: Exploring the Relationship between Native American People and Plants.* It will highlight the many items in the library on this topic, from children's books, to seed catalogs, to ethnobotany texts.
- This summer the AHL will be collaborating with Ridgedale Public Library on library pop-ups at the Minnetonka Farmers Market. Once a month we’ll join them and bring some colorful items to attract people to their tent and engage the public. They’ll bring books that their library members can borrow. Our focus June 19th will be Flowers and we’ll bring...
some seed catalogs and information about Plant Information Online. July 10th we’ll feature vegetables and bring some prints and images from seed catalogs. On August 21st, we’ll bring an unnamed apple for taste testing and evaluation, a new classic text on apples, and colorful posters. The first two sessions we’ll also have kids plant seeds to take home. It should be fun! Stop by - the Minnetonka Farmers Market is on Tuesdays from 3 - 7pm at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

The Program Committee Report was presented by Kathy Allen.

- Today’s speakers are Dr. Malcolm and Rosemary MacFarlane, whom Shirley will introduce after the break. They will be speaking on Hunting for Rare Plants in Minnesota.
- We will be having an earlier Special Luncheon than usual because we want to accommodate our speaker’s schedule. We will be meeting here in Snyder Auditorium on Monday June 11th. Local author and award-winning children’s poet Joyce Sidman will be our speaker. Her topic is Maria Sibylla Merian: Changing Science with Art & Observations of Butterfly Life Cycles. Her latest book, The Girl Who Drew Butterflies is about Maria Sibylla Merian and is wonderful. Joyce came to the library a couple of years ago to research Merian and to look at other biographies written for youth. The library is included in her acknowledgements. There’s a review of her book in the latest newsletter. We will send invitations to the event close to the time.
- Our July speaker (Monday, July 23rd) is L. Peter MacDonagh, internationally recognized authority on sustainable landscape architecture and bio-engineering, adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota, and co-founder of Design+Science for The Kestrel Design Group in Edina. His talk will be The New Plant Frontier of Extensive Green Roofs: What, Where, When, Why and How.
- At our October meeting (Monday, October 22nd) we’ll be treated to a talk by John & Jenny Thull who work at the HRC. John is a grape viticulturist, Jenny is an HRC gardener. It is their hard work that brings us the amazing pumpkin, gourd & squash display each autumn. Their talk will be on Growing Heirloom Pumpkins, Squashes, and Gourds.

President Paul Schlick adjourned the meeting.

Treats were provided courtesy of Renee Jensen, Judy Schlick and Bev Meakins.

Vice President Shirley Mah Kooyman presented today’s speakers Dr. Malcolm and Rosemary MacFarlane who gave a talk Hunting for Rare Plants in Minnesota which was enjoyed by all.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Wendy Brockman,
June 14, 2018

Reminders:

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