Friends of the Andersen Horticultural Library
Regular Meeting, October 28, 2019, 1:00 pm

President Paul Schlick welcomed members and guests to the Snyder auditorium.

The following attendees signed in: Christine Aho, Kathy Allen, Emily E. Andersen, Mary Diane Bass, Joan and Michael Behrendt, Alan Branhagen, Lorraine Brasket, Elizabeth Gail Brinkworth, Wendy Brockman, Karen Cherry, Susan Cross, Wendy DePaolis, Callie Eide, Marlys Engh, Diane Hoese, Renee Jensen, Merlene and Bill Keeler, George and Mary Lou Klacan, Shirley Mah Kooymen, LeeAnne Laskey, Pamela Layton, Suzy Lofquist, Susan Lundgren, Margaret Milne and Sheila Hansen, Judy Morgan, Karan Newberg, Mary Nolte, Amy Owen, Renee Pohl, Paul and Judy Schlick, Pat Schott, John and Betty Sjovall, Barbara Spannaus, Norton Stillman, Susan Wagner, Mike and Barbara Zins.

Secretary Wendy Brockman asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the July meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded and passed. Paul pointed out a typo in the April 2019 meeting minutes that was recently noticed. The Other Revenue line in the proposed FAHL FY2020 budget should have been $1,800 instead of the $3,000 shown. The total YTD Variance figure for the FY2020 budget was correct as shown.

The Book Sale Report was given by Book Sale Chair Judy Schlick.
- The 2019 Book Sale was the most profitable ever with a total of $13,105.03. This includes $1,933.00 in online sales. The sale total could increase with any additional online sales that occur before the end of the FY on 6/30/20.
- We had the best Friday sales ever, the worst Saturday ever, and the best Sunday ever.
- Please contact Judy if you would like to join the book sorting crew for next year’s Book Sale.
- Paul added his thank-you to Judy and everyone who helped make the sale a success, including Mike and Barb Zins whose efforts and dump truck was invaluable in quickly moving unsold books out at the end of the sale.
The **Treasurer’s Report** was presented by Treasurer Barb Spannaus who reported that everything was going well and that the FAHL was right on budget.

- The Friends available account balance is $22,208.00 after deducting the $2,000 fixed reserve required in the by-laws.
- The Treasurers Report details and financial information are available in the library to any member upon request.

The **Membership Report** was given by Membership Chair Mike Behrendt.

- There are currently 122 members.
- Renewal reminders have been sent out.
- Paul is looking into writing short pieces about FAHL membership sometime next year for the Arboretum newsletter and also for the email that goes out to Volunteers.

The **Library Report** was given by Librarian Kathy Allen.

- Today is the last day to see the 3rd Annual Flora & Fauna Illustrata (FFI) exhibit in the skyway ramp. The next FFI jury will be November 18th and we hope to accept more works into the collection.
- Next up in the skyway Gallery will be “Windows on Winter”, an exhibition of unusual winter images from vintage seed catalogs from the Library’s collection.
- There is a display in the Library now “Highlights of Harvest Time”, featuring items from the collection to add to your autumn enjoyment, including cookbooks, fall foliage guides, and how to put your garden to bed.
- Three rare books and some vintage nursery catalogs are on loan to the Bell Museum for their “Wicked Plants” exhibition, as well as scans of some botanical wall charts. “Wicked Plants” is well worth a visit to the Bell. It includes several rooms of fun interactive, informational displays, including a murder mystery to solve. It is there through January 5.
- The spring exhibition to be held in the Library is titled “Flights of Fantasy”. It will comprise 3-dimensional ceramic works being created right now by artist Susan Feigenbaum. The works will feature whimsical depictions of Minnesota birds and some will be paired with beautifully illustrated bird books from the Library’s collection. That display will open on Feb 5. Susan is also leading a two weekend intergenerational workshop in January where kids and their adults will create a ceramic bird. It has been sold out for months!
- Halloween falls on a StoryTime Thursday this year. So, this week's StoryTime will be held in the Snyder Lobby to allow for more room. Apples will be handed out and kids are encouraged to dress up, as this is a stop on the Ar-BOO-retum trail.
- Kathy will be giving the April First Fridays talk hosted by the University Libraries at the “other” Andersen Library, on campus. She is calling it “Collies and Trogons and Bugs, Oh My!“ After the talk, the opportunity for a cavern tour is offered. Two enormous book storage caverns, each two stories high and the length of two football fields, lie below a 30 foot layer of limestone plus an additional 30 feet of topsoil, clay and gravel. The solid limestone serves both as the structural roof of the caverns and the foundation for the Andersen Library building above. Not for the claustrophobic! It’s a free talk for the community and a light lunch is served.
- A new Library assistant, Brianna Foster, started on September 17. Her responsibilities include coordinating the FFI project; staffing the front desk, including every other Saturday; and indexing nursery catalogs for Plant Information Online.
• Long-time FAHL member Helen King is memorialized on the back of the current FAHL newsletter. Some members have elected to donate to FAHL in Helen’s memory. Donations can be sent to the Library. The FAHL Board will decide how best to use the donations to honor Helen.

Kathy continued with the Program Report.
• The program speaker for the meeting was Don Luce, Curator of Exhibitions and Art for the Bell Museum of Natural History.
• Our January speaker will be Kathy Allen, Librarian of the Andersen Horticultural Library. The presentation will be about the wonderful treasures from the Library’s rare book room and historic seed & nursery catalog collection that have been digitized.
• The April speaker will be Susan Feigenbaum, the artist who is creating the “Flights of Fantasy” ceramic exhibition that will be on display in the Library from February through May. This talk will be open to the public as well and will serve as a reception for the exhibition.

Paul conducted Other Business.
• Paul discussed the need for new faces and ideas in leadership positions for the long-term viability of FAHL. All of the current officers and committee chairs have been serving for several years.
• A special FAHL board meeting is scheduled for January to try to identify members with potential to replace long-serving FAHL officers. Members who might be willing to help out should contact one of the current officers or the Library.

President Paul Schlick adjourned the meeting.

Treats were provided courtesy of Susan Cross, Susan Lundgren and LeeAnne Laskey.

Vice President Shirley Mah Kooyman presented the meeting’s speaker Don Luce, Curator of Exhibitions and Art for the Bell Museum of Natural History. His presentation “A Minnesota Journey: Re-imagining the Bell Museum” was enjoyed by all.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Wendy Brockman
November 1, 2019

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