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

The following attendees signed in: Christine Aho, Kathy Allen, Mary Diane Bass, Michael Behrendt, Alan Branhagen, Wendy Brockman, Susan Cross, Callie Eide, Janice Jaguszewski, George and Mary Lou Klacan, Shirley Mah Kooyman, Pamela Layton, Susan Lundgren, Margaret Milne and Sheila Hansen, Mary Nolte, Amy Owen, Pat Peterson, Paul and Judy Schlick, Pat Schott, Barbara Spannaus, Monika Stumpf and Robert Torkelson.

President Paul Schlick welcomed all attendees and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

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

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Treasurer Barb Spannaus who reported that the Friends available account balance is $22,400.00 after deducting the $2,000 fixed reserve required in the FAHL by-laws.
- Barb presented a short breakdown of how FAHL funds are spent and what they support.
- $7,000.00 has been set aside as “seed money” for a new scanner for the Library.
- 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 118 Friends members.

The Book Sale Report was presented by Book Sale Chair Judy Schlick.
• The 2020 Book Sale will be one week earlier than usual this year.
• September 24th is reserved for FAHL members. The Book Sale will be open to the public September 25, 26, and 27.
• Please contact Judy if you would like to join the book sorting crew from 9 - 12 on Tuesday mornings.

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

• The Library's upcoming spring exhibition is titled *Flights of Fantasy*. Comprised of 3-dimensional ceramic pieces 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. The exhibit will open on Wednesday, February 5th and close on May 30th.
• One of the display cases in the Snyder lobby will be an invitation for visitors to stop by the library to enjoy not only the book collection, but magazines and jigsaw puzzles.
• The theme for the First Fridays talks hosted by the University Libraries this year is *Animals in the Archives*. Kathy will be giving the April First Fridays talk and is calling it *Collies and Trogons and Bugs, Oh My!* It’s a free talk for the community at noon and a light lunch is served. After each talk, the opportunity for a cavern tour is offered.
• The next First Fridays talk will be Friday, February 7, *Fantastic Beasts? Find them at the Bell Library!* presented by Marguerite Ragnow, Curator, at the James Ford Bell Library.
• Two different collections will be highlighted in the March First Fridays talk on March 6. *Animals, Vegetables, or Minerals? High-Tech Organisms*, presented by Amanda Wick, Interim Archivist, Charles Babbage Institute Archives, and *Where Animals and Humans Meet*, presented by Cheryll Fong, Interim Curator, Northwest Architectural Archives.
• A fairly new addition to the Library collection is the 2-volume Transylvania Florilegium. It showcases 124 native plants of Romania, where Prince Charles has an estate. Each plant is beautifully depicted along with some information about the plant. Call or email the Library or Kathy for appointments to see this or other special items.
• Renee Jensen retired in early December after nearly 35 years of library service. It is hoped that someone will be in that position by the end of February.
• Kathy will be starting planned tours of the Library rare book room, limited to four people at a time. Mike Behrendt has the sign-in sheet.

Kathy continued with the **Program Report**.

• Today’s speaker is Kathy Allen, Librarian of the Andersen Horticultural Library, giving a presentation about the wonderful treasures from the Library's collections that have been digitized and where to find them online.
• The April 27th 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 5th through May 30th. After the business meeting, we’ll adjourn so we can attend a reception for Flights of Fantasy in the Snyder Lobby. Susan will start her talk at 2 pm. After the talk she’ll be in the Library talking and answering questions about the pieces on display there. A rare book or two of bird illustrations will be out as well. The reception, talk and Library portion of the day are all open to the public.
• The speaker for the July meeting is not yet finalized.
• Michael Dyda will be our October 26th speaker. His presentation will be *Is Vanilla an Orchid?*

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. 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 Judy Schlick, Sheila Hansen and Bev Murphey.

Vice President Shirley Mah Kooymen presented the meeting’s speaker Kathy Allen, Librarian at the University of Minnesota’s Andersen Horticultural Library. Her presentation about the treasures from the Library’s collections that have been digitized and where to find them online was enjoyed by all.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Wendy Brockman
February 28, 2020

**Reminders:**

- 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.