



Annual Meeting
Saturday, March 3, 2018

Welcome: Chair, Stan Ring, welcomed the membership and guests and called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting were approved as presented.

Guest Speakers: Stan Ring formally presented Brad Allen, Library Director, a check from the Friends for \$90,000. Brad and Kathleen Morgan, Director of Development and Community Partnership thanked the Friends for their support. Brad discussed a few of the projects the \$190,000 donated by the Friends in the past two years has been invested. Kathleen stated that the Library Foundation has grown to have assets in excess of \$2,000,000.

Treasurer's Report: See written report. Ron Schorr, Treasurer, reported that the Friends did very well. \$161,379.20 in income was generated through book sales, membership fees, and donations.

Internet Sales Report: See written report. Internet sales has expanded beyond Amazon to include using E-Bay for CDs and DVDs. Amazon has restructured their fees so that while the Friends have experienced an 18% increase in sales, the net profit from those sales stands at 73% a decrease of 3%. That said, the Friends continue to receive quality books and some high priced books from private collections.

Coordinator's Report: See written report. The number of volunteers and volunteer hours has steadily increased from 2015, through 2016 and 2017 as has the membership and books donated. Downhall Books was started during the year and is proving to be a success story. Membership events and the number of book sales has increased as has the number of organizations with which the Friends partner. A mentoring program is being developed in coordination with public and private children protective organizations. Volunteer procedures are being revised. A FLPL T-shirt is now available!

Awards: Member volunteers were recognized as follows:

- Celia Heintz for "Stepping up to the Plate" by taking charge of Downhall Books
- Dave Ranney as "Rookie Volunteer of the Year"

- Kathy Graves as “Specialist of the Year” supporting more than eight sections
- Conrad Henderson as “Laufender Enzyklopadiepreis fur die Freunde” for his work with foreign language books.
- Stan Ring and Tom Hoffman jointly receive the “MacGyver Award” for their unfailing ability to be on hand to fix any and all physical problems.

Presentation of the Mary Dalton Murphy Award: This special award has been given every year since 1982 to individuals who have made long term and continuing commitments of their time, ideas, and energy to the Lawrence Public Library. This year’s recipients were Sylvie Reuff and Glen Garneua who have logged more than 8000 hours volunteer for the Friends working primarily with Internet Sales. Thank you Sylvie and Glen for doing so much for the Lawrence Public Library.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members: Marilyn Clark, Tom Hoffman, Don Low, Leni Salkind and Ron Schorr were thanked for their service and leadership through the recent years of grown and change in the Friends.

Election of New Board Members: Sue Hopkins, Jenny Lattimore, Dave Raney, Julie Trowbridge-Alford, and Debi Waggoner were unanimously elected to join the FLPL Board. A complete list of the 2018 Board of Directors and their roles is attached.

Questions and Answers: A brief discussion of the Capital Investment account took place including the reminder than an ad hoc committee to determine the use of those funds will be making a recommendation to the Board by the June 2018 Board meeting. A suggestion was made that the Board consider a silent auction event for some of the more valuable books; currently there are more than 100 books valued at over \$500 each.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.