

# Friends of Dimond Branch Library Minutes

February 6, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

**In attendance:** Gisela Merker, Karen Marie Schroeder, Karen Ball, Hayward Blake, Ann Young, Sue Yascolt, Sarah Hodgson (Branch Manager), Darshan Anant, Sandy Venning and Karen Long (chairperson). Two members were unable to attend due to the broken library elevator. **We would like to request the elevator be repaired promptly!**

**Thanks for Dimond Branch Friends and others for all of the great volunteer help this winter!**

**Thanks for baking cookies for the holiday film party/cookie exchange!** Thanks to Karen Marie Schroeder, Sharon Lawless, Sandy Venning, Suzanne Knott, Daphne Parsons, Gisela Merker, Darshan Anant, Dick Kolbert and Karen Ball. Your cookies were delicious & greatly appreciated.

**Thanks for the CFC Lightbulb recycling:** Paul Bostwick for November & December

**New Secretary Process:** Gisela Merker volunteered to take minutes during the meeting. Karen Long will type minutes.

**Budget and Hiring Updates** –reported by Sarah Hodgson

Interviews for teen librarian position have been held. Sarah hopes to have the new staff position filled by the end of February.

Alison Bowman was reassigned temporarily to Martin Luther King Jr. Branch in January.

**Remodel Updates/Discussion:**

New start date is August, 2016. Project should go out to bid in March. Library will be closed for an estimated 3 months.

Furniture selection updates (goal is \$200,000+) Donation received in December from The Graue Foundation for \$4000

Discussion about **furniture fundraising:** Group discussed ideas on fundraising that were brought up at a planning meeting in January with Sara Dubois, Mary Schrader, Helen Krayenhoff, Sarah Hodgson and Karen Long.

- Sara Dubois, the volunteer coordinator for Oakland Public Library, will lead the fundraising effort. Helen K. has offered to help her in the planning process.
- Fundraising will be done online at a crowd funding website for 1-2 months after the community is informed of the furniture need. Nothing will start until firm information is available about furniture costs (goal of fundraising) and the start date for the library remodeling. All donations will be made through the Friends of Oakland Public Library FBO Dimond Branch furniture fund (a 501©3 organization.
- Sara and Helen suggested 3 events to help with the fundraising. They would like a special group of library volunteers to help with the fundraising effort. Members of Friends of Dimond Library will be invited to participate in this project.

Furniture Fundraising ideas that were discussed @ our meeting today.

- An event at Laurel Bookstore with a literary speaker, wine tasting and possibly an art auction
- Publicizing on neighborhood list.serves including Dimond, Glenview, Laurel, Maxwell Park, Oakmore, and Redwood Heights
- A dinner at a local site: Dimond Recreation Center, Lincoln Court, Altenheim, Bjornson Hall
- Outreach activities at the Dimond Picnic in the Park in mid-July

- A raffle at local events
- Asking banks or large local businesses for donation

Questions: What happens if we don't reach the entire fundraising goal? Can part of the furniture be purchased? Is a loan available through the city?

Karen asked if anyone was interested in volunteering for this new furniture fundraising group. If so, they could sign up as volunteers.

Need to adjust Friends meeting schedule for next Fall due to library closure. Our group will not meet during the remodeling closure.

**Calendar:** Upcoming Closures

Friday, February 12 for Lincoln's Birthday

Tuesday, February 16 for President's Day

**Library Programs (February-April)** March features a Pixar film presentation: **Inside Out**, a poetry story telling evening presentation, two teen tech programs using LEDs to create things, and an author reading her new book: **Blind Shady Bend**.

**Teen Advisory Board Report:** We viewed the short video on the seed lending library program that was recently produced by the Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Everyone enjoyed the video and hoped that it could be posted on the library website.

**Dimond Friends Updates:**

**CFC light bulb recycling update** and discussion—should we continue? The light bulb recycling program has been in effect for 1 year as a pilot program. Many local people have left florescent light bulbs in the recycling bucket. The group discussed program and decided to continue it at least until the modernization closure. Volunteers signed up to do monthly pickups in March and April.

**2016 Oaktobefest participation-** Friends of Dimond Library will not participate in the October local celebration as the library is anticipated being closed for remodeling.

**AARP Safe Driver Program report back:** Sarah reported that the program was extremely popular, and many interested people had to be turned away because of lack of space. Participants were very positive about the helpfulness of the program. We may want to fund it on a yearly basis to support our mature drivers.

**FOPL library T-shirts & availability:** Striking black T-shirts with graphics supporting the Oakland Library are available through Friends of Oakland Public Library for \$15. Sarah has some large sizes available now but smaller sizes can be ordered if you would like one.

**Volunteer needs:**

Monthly CFC light bulb recycling to hazardous waste: people signed up to take light bulbs for recycling for the next quarter.

**Mulching garden party in March**—Karen Long requested volunteers to help to spread mulch around in the garden, clean up the grass in the parking area and also the side library exit. The date would be on a Friday morning in March @

9:00 a.m. for 2-3 hours. Date is dependent on weather. She will announce the date in early March and ask for volunteers by email as well as at the meeting.

**Hayward Blake** made an announcement about a problem in **Dimond Park**. The access to the swimming pool and the Recreation Center are NOT handicapped accessible. There are stairs, and steep walk ways from all entrances. He and other local people ( Marilyn Miller and Laurie Umeh) are asking the city to fund major changes in the access to the park facilities. It will be discussed at City Council on Tuesday night.

**Financial Report** by Karen Marie Schroeder, Treasurer. Karen Marie reported a current balance of \$23, 300.68 and included all expenditures and income since our last meeting.

**Current expenditures (pending)**

- \$350 Supplement to adult book budget
- \$100 Senior center outreach materials
- \$100 Baby Signing program with Erin Carper
- \$300 Creative Movement Program for Preschoolers with Kat Healy (3 sessions)
- \$200 Kids gardening program
- \$300 Ecology panel in March
- \$130 magazine subscriptions

**New Funding Requests:**

- \$10 Trailhead DVD for Dimond branch
- \$50 new plants for garden
- \$500 Direct buy of high interest children's materials
- \$300 Coordinator of Chess Tournament in May
- \$1500 Summer Reading program performers
- \$300 Teen party or volunteer recognition

**Total requested:** \$2660

The group voted to fund all new requests

**Next quarterly meeting date:** Saturday, April 30 at 11 am.

Meeting adjourned @ 12:25.