

**Friends of the Middleton Public Library**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**May 3, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes: Prepared by Michael Lutz, Secretary**

I. Call to Order – Karen Natoli, President  
Those present – Patrick Williams, Karen Natoli, Mike Lutz, Linda Yu, Davis McGuffey, Brendan Faherty (acting library director), Amy Gugerty and David Reed. Also present were 6 Friends members.

II. Review of Minutes – Review of Minutes for the 2015 Annual meeting.  
APPROVED

III. Membership Report We currently have 221 members. Last year at this point we had 227. Karen reported on our efforts to actively recruit members.

IV. Upcoming promotional events. We will be among the beneficiaries of the Spirit of India performance at the Waunakee PAC on June 11 May and the Beers Beyond the Mainstream event on June 7. Both will provide an opportunity to promote Friend’s membership. We will be the focus of the library display case in July.

V. Treasurer’s report: We had a very good recovery from the library closure with a great month of April. We already have the funds needed to fund next year’s library events with \$38,545 in our checking account. The book sales remain very successful. There is a suggestion that we seek an article in the Middleton Times about the opportunity to donate books to the library. Taxes have been filed

VI. Friends sponsored events: Thank you to our sorters and sellers. We now offer a free book to new members. Renewals are available on line. We have an active presence on social media, We had a successful corporate funding campaign. We will continue to send out the request for donations to local businesses. A suggestion was made to do a fund raising event in conjunction with Culvers. We are still seeking some version of a “friends only” event. There was a question as to whether we ever charge for events or ask for donations. We don’t charge and have not yet sought donations at the events. Should we have a donation box?

In 2015 we provided funding for \$38,000 worth of events.

VII. Karen summarizes the Friend’s sponsored events of the last year.

VIII. New Business. Should we drop Sunday book sales? They are currently run by the MHS Key club but not well attended. Could we move the Key Club members to Saturday? MOTION: to drop the Sunday Book sales with an attempt to use the volunteers on Saturdays. APPROVED

Our thanks to Pamela Westby for her support of the Friends and for her work in making the Middleton Library one of the best on the area.

IX. Annual report from the library: Two weeks ago the City Council heard a presentation from the Library Board and from the Friends regarding the need for a new library. While no decisions were made, it was agreed that future discussions could continue but on a less formal basis. The hiring committee for a new library director continues to meet, with interviews expected in June. We will wish to meet the new director as early as possible.

X. Officer election;  
President: Karen Natoli  
Vice President: Open  
Treasurer: Davis McGuffey  
Secretary: Mike Lutz  
Book Sorter and Sales Representative: Open  
Library Representative: Patrick Williams  
Community Representatives: Amy Gugerty, David Reed and Linda Yu.

MOTION: To approve all as nominated. APPROVED

XI. Adjourn at 8 pm.