

**Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library**  
**Minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2016**

President Ellen Dewey opened the business meeting held at the Sherrills Ford-Terrell fire station. Board member Martha Nemechek was welcomed, along with new and returning members and guests. The minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting were presented for review and approval. On motion and second, the minutes were approved.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Membership: Ellen reported that membership is increasing. Over the last two months, all members had been given a chance for prizes, which would be drawn tonight.

Library news: Siobhan Loendorf, assistant Catawba County Library Director, reported that the library had received a grant to start a new program for young families. Each new baby born in Catawba County would be presented with a book, a book bag, library card and membership information for the family. She also announced staffing changes at some of the library branches.

Ellen reported for a number of committees: the Foyer Book Bonanza continues with new donations of books and buyers. The Literacy program has starting up with the new school year. The format of the visits from volunteers Barb Nelson and Meg Thompson remains the same. They bring new books to each of the first and second grades at both elementary schools in our area. The book is read in class, and then each student brings it home to read with the family. Flo Hollands reported that there is already a waiting list for the American Girl doll and kit. Another doll will be purchased and the committee is working on that choice. A motion was made to approve the purchase, and after being seconded, was approved.

Program and Meeting Schedule: Ellen distributed copies of the revised 2016-2017 calendar of programs, events and meetings scheduled for the remainder of the year (through June 2017). Discussion included the November program, which would be a showing of a documentary, "Miracle"-the story of the town of Hickory and how it responded to the polio epidemic in 1944. This is presented by the Catawba Valley Community College and the Historical Association of Catawba County. Members were encouraged to take flyers to advertise this program and encourage others to attend. Ellen also asked for volunteers to provide refreshments for the November, January and February programs and the Christmas tree lighting event, which is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Christmas holiday social and book exchange is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>. Martha Nemechek graciously volunteered to provide the paper products and other items for the social. The January program will feature travel authors Carolee Duckworth and Brian Lane. There was more discussion about the February Music variety show, including how the performers would be chosen, how many, what type of acts, publicity, and logistics. Finally, the remaining programs were briefly discussed but more finalizing would take place at the February business meeting.

Fundraisers: Sandy Shekita will chair the Christmas wreath sale as we have done in prior years, at the same prices. Forms for taking orders will be available. Times for making bows would be announced.

Ellen indicated that almost 200 raffle tickets had been sold for the donated prize of a Dinner for Two on one of the Queens Landing cruise boats. Tickets are \$5.00 each so the total raised was just under \$1,000. The drawing for the door prizes for members began, with a great variety of prizes; all were donated by individuals or community merchants. Finally, the winning ticket for the raffle was chosen. The winner was Joyce Sigmon.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30. This will be a program only.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol B. Meyer, Secretary