

Minutes of the Friends of the Orange County Public Library  
Joint Meeting of Executive Board with Carrboro Friends Board  
July 23, 2012  
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Attendees: Lucinda Munger, Andrea Tullos. For the Friends of the Orange County Public Library: Janet Flowers, Erin Shepherd, Sandy Gerstner, Robin Bedingfield-Brown, Bill Barrows, Lori Graham. For the Carrboro Friends: Joal Hall Broun, Melva Okun, Aurora Boyer, Beth Vollins, Alex Brown, Nerys Levy and Linda Browner

## **INTRODUCTION**

Lucinda Munger opened the joint meeting with the theme that, "We are all one!" Both groups have different focuses right now, but the primary mission is the same (public libraries that are a credit to the community and the people they serve). We make sure things are accomplished and see them to their completion. How can we support each other, the staff and the community of Orange County? We cover everyone in the family and community. FOCPL: Very thankful for everything we've done and continue to do. Carrboro: A very tenacious group; don't take no for an answer so admirable what they're doing. Very proud of us and honored to be a part.

## **PURPOSE OF MEETING**

Janet welcomed everyone. Believes this meeting is historic in that the groups have never met before. Wanted to get to know each other. Both share love of books and libraries. We (FOCPL) are still working on infrastructure/policies and not so much fundraising at this point. Appreciate and support what Carrboro's doing so have seen their battles, fighting to build the Southwest Branch so very impressed and look forward to being "friends" and getting a tour once it's built.

Everyone in attendance then introduced themselves, their position with the organization and a brief comment about their role(s).

A few items that came from the Carrboro introductions were as follows:

- Carrboro's big book sale/fundraiser in the MacDougal cafeteria will be held Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>
- They had a 1-day retreat recently with brainstorming dedicated to just being together in an environment that wasn't so rushed like at meetings. They were able to discuss bylaws, increasing membership, etc.

## **DISCUSSION GROUPS**

The attendees split up into four (4) discussion groups to exchange ideas and practices between the organizations. The following topics were discussed for approximately ½ hour: Membership/Fundraising, Programs/Events, Communications/Advocacy, and Book Sales.

Ed Flowers, an FOCPL member, took a group photo at the end of the meeting to memorialize the event. <Unfortunately this photo was accidentally erased. >

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:45 pm.

Lori Graham  
Secretary of the Friends of the Orange County Public Library