

**Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Friends of the Van Pelt Library  
Thursday, October 29, 2015**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

This meeting was held in the in the Library East Reading Room from 4:30 – 6:00pm.

**Present:** Don Durfee, Eloise Haller, Karen Hubbard, Amy Hughes, Kelly Luck, Mary Marchaterre, Holly Nemiroff, Ellen Marks, Susan Martin, Faith Morrison, Dana Richter, Kevin Waters

Amy welcomed the audience and introduced the current board members. Off board members were acknowledged. Amy thanked Adrienne Minerick for all of her efforts on behalf of the Friends of the Van Pelt Library. Highlights of projects and fundraising of the last year were recounted.

Amy acknowledged the current and continuing board members (term ends in parentheses): **Don Durfee** (2017), **Eloise Haller** (2015), **Karen Hubbard** (2016), **Amy Hughes** (2017), **Kelly Luck** (2015), **Mary Marchaterre** (2016), **Ellen Marks**, Library Director (ex officio), **Susan Martin** (2016), **Faith Morrison** (2016), **Holly Nemiroff** (2017), **Dana Richter** (2015), **Kevin Waters** (2015)

The minutes of the October 23, 2014 FVPL annual meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion by Faith and seconded by Eloise.

A vote to change from

The name of the organization shall be "Friends of the J. Robert Van Pelt Library of Michigan Technological University" and the organization shall be known as "Friends of the Van Pelt Library."

to

The name of the organization shall be "Friends of the J. Robert Van Pelt and John and Ruanne Opie Library, Michigan Technological University" and the organization shall be known as "Friends of the Michigan Tech Library" was passed. Our new acronym will be FMTL. Motion by Faith and seconded by Karen.

A vote to change the bylaws to reflect the name change passed. Motion by Faith and seconded by Don.

**Elections:**

Nomination and approval of new and renewing board members (terms ending 2018) + any floor nominations are:

- **Steven Walton (new)**
- **Eloise Haller**
- **Kelly Luck**
- **Dana Richter**
- **Kevin Waters**
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Faith moved for approval of board members, motion seconded by Susan. The motion was approved.

Nomination and approval of officers to serve for the coming year + any floor nominations are:

Chairman: **Amy Hughes**  
Vice Chairman: **Susan Martin**  
Treasurer: **Kelly Luck**  
Secretary: **Mary Marchaterre**

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Faith moved that the nominated slate of officers be approved. The motion was seconded by Karen. The motion was approved.

The next regular meeting will be: Thursday November 5, 2015, 4:00pm.

Amy introduced our guest speakers Robin Mueller and Robert Wheeler. Their presentations were on Copper and Culture - Prehistoric Metal Working in the Lake Superior Region.

Robert Wheeler has a lifelong interest in history and is especially fascinated with stories of the ancient copper miners. He founded the Copper Country Ancient Sites Conservancy about seven years ago in an attempt to interest professional archaeologists and the general public in the ancient use of copper here in the Keweenaw. The Conservancy has investigated a number of ancient sites: mines, sites of petroglyphs, a possible habitation site, and sites with stone tool usage. These sites have been reported to the Office of the State Archaeologist. For the last 21 years Bob has been employed by the Michigan Dept. of Nat'l Resources as a land survey technician.

Robin Mueller has had a passion for history most of her life. Her greatest interest is in Early American and Native American history. She stumbled upon the Old Copper Complex three years ago, and was stunned that it was something she wasn't taught in school. She started a FaceBook site titled "Old Copper Complex and Ancient Waterways." With over 1,100 members, the site may be the largest online source of Old Copper Complex documents and photos in the world. She teamed up with Robert Wheeler to promote and educate children and adults about this important history of the Copper Country.