

Nebraska Center for the Book
Annual Membership/Board Meeting
October 26, 2013
Nebraska History Museum 15th and P Street, Lincoln, NE

President Mary Ellen Ducey called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

NCB members and board members present: Sharon Bishop, Becky Faber, Nancy Johnson, Molly Fisher, Erika Hamilton, Mary Ellen Ducey, Rod Wagner, Brigid Amos, Carol Connor, Donna Marvin, Gerry Cox, JV Brummels, Chuck Johanningsmeier, Lois Meyer

1. Introductions
2. Agenda was approved by the members
3. Minutes for August 24 meeting approved by the members
4. President's Report
 - a. Mary Ellen thanked JV Brummels and Becky Faber for their service on the NCB board. She also thanked Becky for agreeing to become an ex-officio member and continue coordinating the One Book One Nebraska selection process.
 - b. The Nebraska Book Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, April 24 - 25, 2014 at the Thompson Alumni Center, University of Nebraska at Omaha. Don Welsh will deliver the keynote on Friday evening, and Karen Shoemaker and Tosca Lee will conduct workshops. Peter Worth will coordinate the social media and graphics for the event. The theme for the Nebraska Book Festival is Deliberate Shapes and Senses. The Bookworm Bookstore will be the vendor for book sales. UN-O, Omaha Public Libraries, Nebraska Center for the Book and Humanities Nebraska are co-sponsors for this event.
 - c. Board members who will attend the National Book Festival in Washington, DC: Mary Ellen Ducey, Donna Marvin; Mary Jo Ryan and Devra Dragos will represent the Library Commission.
5. Treasurer's Report was approved by the members. The balance in the Uzendoski Fund is \$601.67.
6. Members Comments: Brigid Amos would appreciate knowing when dues for NCB are due. November 1 is the beginning of the new fiscal year. We discussed how a reminder could be sent out, Becky Faber wondered if it could be coded on the newsletter label. Chuck Johanningsmeier discussed ideas he brought home from the conference in Washington, DC. He reported that progress is being made on creating an electronic literary map of

Nebraska. Graduate students from UN-0 are working on this project. Carol Connor mentioned that there used to be a print map.

7. Unfinished/Continuing Business: none.
8. New Business –
 - a. Election of Board Members – Cindy Grady, Chuck Johanningsmeier and Donna Marvin agreed to remain on the board for a second term. Christine Walsh, Kearney Public Library; Cathy Mohnike, Nebraska Dept. of Education; Neil Harrison, poet; and Marvel Maring, Librarian, will be invited to become new members of the NCB board for 3 year terms.
9. Next NCB Board meeting will be held March 29, 2014 at the York Public Library from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

10. What are we reading?

Brigid – **New Grub Street** by George Gissing
Gerry – **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** by Rachel Joyce
Carol – **Top Down: A Novel of the Kennedy Assassination** by Jim Lehrer
Mary Ellen – **Sandcastle Girls** by Christopher Bohjalian
Erika – doctoral research
Molly – **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** by Rachel Joyce
Chuck – **Each Little Bird that Sings** by Deborah Wiles
JV – **Captured by the Indians** by Frederick Drimmer
God is Not Good by Christopher Hitchens
Donna – **A Paper Life** by Tatum O’Neill
Blindness by Jose Saramago
Nancy – **Haunted** by Jackson Benson
Becky – **Weeds: A Farm Daughter’s Lament** by Evelyn Funda
The Right Side of Wrong: A Red River Mystery by Reavis Z. Wortham
Sharon- **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** by Rachel Joyce
What the River Carries by Lisa Knopp
Lois – **Hamlet** by William Shakespeare

11. Mary Ellen Ducey adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.