MINUTES
FRIENDS OF THE OVIATT LIBRARY
Board of Director's Meeting
January 16, 2004

PRESENT: Al Ross, Joe Moore, Ethel Bliven, Dick Homer, Sue Curzon, Fred Levy, Ray McHugh, Joe Russo, Doris Helfer, Bernice Haber, June Frankenberg, Bob Gohstand, Sr. Rita Basta, Ray McHugh, Anne Kogen, Penny Friedman, Cindy Ventuleth, Joyclyn Dunham, Vickie Campbell

President Al Ross called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes: MSP

Treasurer’s Report - Still not available from the Foundation. Cindy hopes it will be available by the next meeting

Announcements: None

Membership - Fred Levy and Bernice Haber presented an article they proposed sending to the newspaper and asked for suggestions. Several ideas were discussed and revisions will be made before sending it out for publication.

Development - Cindy again announced and thanked Dr. Milton Feinberg for the gift in December of $20,000 which is earmarked for the purchase of a van to be used for picking up book donations. Vickie is very happy about it.
Helen Coulson donated $1,000 to the Friends.
Gus and Erica Manders contributed $4,000 to sponsor an exhibition next year called “The Treasures of the Oviatt.”
The Sharon Fogarty Young Readers Collection will open February 19. There will be a speaker and reception.
The opening of the remodeled West Wing will be held in April.

Old Business
The dates for upcoming meeting of the Board will be
February 20
March 19
April 16
May 21
June 18

Committee Reports
Programs - June Frankenberg announced that Tony Arthur will do a lecture and book signing on March 9. Lisa See is scheduled for May 4.
Hospitality - No report

Friends Store - no report – the store was not open during the interim, but will reopen on February 2.

Legislature - no report

Gift Books - Joe Russo circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteer help at the Book Sale on February 17 from 9 to 3. He is frustrated with the deluge of books and no place to store them. Vickie reported donations of 13,338 books received, and 1,274 have been added to the Library Collection. Gary researches books which are thought to be more valuable and special ones are referred to Tony Gardner.

Volunteers - no report

Newsletter - no report

Dean Curzon said the Library is making a concerted effort to bring down the noise level in the library. New signs will be posted and she asked for Friends’ assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.