



## Annual Meeting Reflections



Members Steve Bolton, Terry Weaver, and Beth and Jerry Toland.

We want to say a big thank you for coming to our annual meeting and dinner on May 15th! We were excited to host a **record number** of Friends members and to share our wonderful memories of the last 40 years. While guests ate and mingled, a slide show highlighted flashback photos. Scrapbooks were available for members to peruse and reflect on how much we have grown.

After dinner, Executive Vice President AJ Stewart recognized volunteers from the Sort Site facility and the booksale event for their long service and dedication. In his comments, AJ highlighted that the Friends will begin work with Connie Pirtle, a community engagement specialist, who will be collecting feedback from members to help shape the next 40 years and beyond!

The slate of officers elected at the annual meeting is as follows:

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| AJ Stewart – President                        | Katy Fabrie – Chair of Communications    |
| Elizabeth Garrison – Executive Vice President | JJ Compton – Chair of Membership         |
| Chris Carroll – Secretary                     | Sara Suthers – Chair of Special Projects |
| Anna Favor – Treasurer                        |  |



2018-2019 Board Members

## Buy the Box – Save the Date!

Save the date and plan to join us on **Saturday, September 15th** at our [Sort Site](#) location at 300 NE 50th Street for a mini booksale event. We'll have pre-packaged boxes of books for sale from **\$3 to \$25** per box, and event attendees can literally buy a box (or two) of books! Boxes are sorted by genre and sealed– no peeking! It's a great way to build your personal library of children's books, mysteries, romances and more! Watch your email for more details.

## Booksale on the Road

This spring we had two mini booksales on the road! On May 19th volunteers sold children's books at the Village Fair at Casady Square with all proceeds supporting the Village Library. Then, on June 16th we were invited by the Myriad Botanical Gardens to participate in their annual children's festival by providing a small used booksale. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make these sales happen! What a fun way to support our libraries!

## Open House Follow-up



Volunteers giving a tour.

On Saturday, June 2nd we held our annual Sort Site Open House. Guests toured the facility and learned all about our volunteer opportunities. We had several individuals signed-up on the spot to become volunteers!

Here's what a few people had to say about the event:

Patty Patterson, Sort Site guest: "The tour was great! I was impressed that the organized chaos is amazingly organized."

Valerie Hernandez, Sort Site volunteer: "The event today was very enlightening. We were able to show a lot of different aspects of what volunteers do behind the scenes to keep the Booksale going and well-organized."

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