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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING 4/28/13

With 38 in attendance in Galaxy Hall the event started at 1 PM with welcoming remarks from Director Brian Kenney. He generously mentioned the Friends many contributions to the Library. Next, President Rhoda Phillips introduced the members of the Board and offered thanks to Elizabeth Hughes, Library liaison to the Friends, who indeed is our best friend (large and small f) Her constant attention to our needs and wants is most appreciated. Vice President Gene Anne Smith introduced our guest, Douglas Century.

The floor was then his and all agreed that his manner was easy and casual - not "speachy" which made the program friendly and breezy - especially when he invited the audience to ask questions or make comments regarding the many books he has written or co-written. He spoke of Barney Ross, a famous boxer of the 40s and Sully, the Hudson River hero, the Mafia and the wives of same. Quite a cross section of era and people. Someone in the audience asked if his next book might be a novel to vary from the many biographies he has done - from his response there just may be one in the future. His experiences with movie and television people seemed very down to earth, he obviously has not been overwhelmed by celebrity. After his talk his books were offered for sale. He very generously gifted the Library a large number of his books for the collection and we thank him for that. His honorarium was \$250.

Refreshments were served and from comments heard everyone enjoyed the day.

By 3 PM the program was over and now we have to put our thoughts to next year's annual meeting. Let's start thinking of a guest who will be as well received as Douglas Century.


Leatrice Palmer
Secretary

