**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018**

**of the**

**Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection**

**Programme rooms, Ground Floor, National Library of New Zealand, Wellington**

**6:30pm, Tuesday 19 June 2018**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

The Annual General Meeting 2017 was held on 20 June 2016 at the National Library, and was attended by 13 members.

**COMMITTEE**

All committee members were re-elected unopposed. Corrina Gordon was retained the role of President. Jeff Hunt (Treasurer) and Joan McCracken (*Newsletter* editor) continue in these positions. Other members who continued on the committee were Barbara Robertson, Chantalle Smith and Kathryn Walls. Lynne Jackett and Margaret Hurst were newly elected, although Lynne is a returning committee member. Mary Skarott, in her role as the Research Librarian Children’s Literature, also continued to be part of the committee. Tania Connelly has stepped down from the committee.

The role of Secretary is now shared around the committee members; however it would be good to have a nomination for this role.

The Committee of the Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection has met regularly throughout the year and arranged four general meetings for members.

**MEETINGS**

Meetings during the year were all held at the National Library. Our thanks go to the National Library for allowing us to hold our events here free of charge, and particularly to venues staff Rejeli Loon, Ruby Davies and Rachel Helu, for setting up the rooms for us and to Security for the part they play.

* 20 June AGM – Mary Skarott showed us new acquisitions for DNW collection
* 21 September – Nicola Daly 'The linguistic landscape of English-Spanish Dual Language Picturebooks'
* 29 November 2017 – The Sapling – Sarah Forster and Thalia Kehoe Rowden – spoke about their website to promote NZ children’s books and authors
* 5th April 2018 Kathryn Walls – Changing the Changeover – Margaret Mahy’s book the Changeover, book to film

All our speakers gave fascinating insights into their areas of research and. We thank them for giving their time to share their passion for children’s literature with the Friends.

**PATRON**

Since the death of Barbara Murison, we have had no Patron of the Society. We would like to take suggestions from the floor tonight:

* Jack Lazenby
* Ann Mallinson
* Kate de Goldi
* Fleur Beale

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Notes-Books-Authors* has again not been published this year. There have been 12 titles published since May 1985 and all, except number 7, have been digitised and are available on Friends website. Copies of some issues are also still available for purchase from the Society. Do get in touch if you are interested in filling gaps in your collection. We do have some potential new titles for the series so if there are any willing volunteers who would like to take up a project to produce another *Notes-Books-Authors* please do get in touch with the committee. To get an idea of what the content of these is please see our website for archived editions.

Our Facebook page now has regular postings. Members who are online are encouraged to post items and share with their friends in order to increase the number from 69 ‘likes’. This is a space to share news, views, reviews and relevant links and posts from other sites.

Our website continues to be maintained by webmaster Jeff Hunt, with assistance from Joan McCracken. We use the site to publicise events, make announcements, and to make newsletters, *Notes-Books-Authors*, minutes, and other material available not only to members of the Friends but also to the wider world of researchers and browsers. Jeff has set up a feed so that Facebook updates also show on the website. There is still work to be done to update pages and make the site navigation more intuitive. The website continues to be hosted by charity.net at Waikato University for free so we are fortunate that there is no cost to the society to have a web presence. As always we welcome suggestions for content for the website.

*Newsletter* 55 (June 2017) was published in time for last year’s AGM and number 56(November 2017).The newsletter is published to keep members up-to-date with activities and events associated members and with the National Library’s collections, and includes other news connected with children’s literature. As always this was a very collaborative effort. Committee members contribute writing, editing, proof-reading and envelope-stuffing skills, as well as there being assistance from the wider Friends group.

**BROCHURE**

We intend to have the brochure professionally designed and printed in the near future.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The treasurer continues to encourage members to renew their subscriptions - or to let us know if they no longer want to belong to the Society. We start the 2018-2019 year with 23 financial members of the Friends, with another 13 members we expect to renew their membership (making a total of 36 members). We encourage current members to bring a friend or friends to events, as some people may not be aware of the society and our activities. While we still circulate the newsletter and notices to some libraries and other organisations that support children's literature, we continue to refine our membership and mailing lists.

**ACLAR event**

We are very happy to announce that we will be hosting the Australasian Children’s Literature Association for Research on Saturday July 7th. This is part of the ACLAR Biennial Conference 2018 which is being held at Victoria University. We warmly welcome the members of the Friends (DNW) to join us at this event. Chris Szekely, the ATL Chief Librarian will be introducing the event and welcoming people to the Alexander Turnbull Library. Mary will be preparing some choice samples of the DNW collection and there will be drinks and nibbles hosted by the FDNW. More details will be sent out soon.

**CONCLUSION**

Thank you to all members of the Society for your continuing interest in the children’s literature collections of the National Library. We really enjoy catching up with those of you who are able to attend the meetings that are organised throughout the year. Once again, grateful thanks are also due to all the Committee members for their continuing energy and commitment, their catering skills, and their ongoing support for the Research Librarian and the Collection.

As always, we welcome suggestions of topics for events, displays, publications, or research using the DNW Collection and the Library’s other children’s literature collections.

**Corrina Gordon**

**President**