

FRIENDS OF THE LANE MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2008

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Attendees: Susan Hughes, Debra Perry, Connie George, Lynn Goodman, Pat Trionfo-Spitz, Darrell Eifert, and Kris Sawyer. It was a dark and stormy night....

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Hughes at 6:37 PM in the Lane Room at the Library.

I. Recording Secretary's Report

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from 11/18/2008 were presented for corrections/additions. There were minor corrections/additions from the floor on the Minutes. Kris Sawyer moved to accept as corrected the Minutes from the 11/18 Board Meeting and Debra Perry seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

II. Officers' Reports

- A. President
No report from the President.
- B. Treasurer
Connie George reported a balance of approximately \$15,448. A final Treasurer's Report will be available at the end of December and will be available at the next Board meeting in January 2009.
- C. Membership
Pat Trionfo-Spitz reported that the Friends took in close to \$1000 for dues. Pat noted that around 30 members' dues are overdue. A note will be put into the next newsletter about overdue dues. Pat is still looking for a few missing contact names for the Gala thank-you notes.
- D. Publicity
No report on Publicity.
- E. Newsletter
Debra Perry proposed to give complimentary newsletters to the Twilight Book Club members as a way of promoting the Friends organization.

There were no other Officers' Reports.

III. Old Business

- A. Donation of \$500 to Lane Library in Memory of Catherine Redden
The Library Trustees have not yet voted to match the monies donated to the library in Catherine's name; however, they were pleased to hear our idea of donating. A decision may be made at their next meeting, which is scheduled for Dec. 18th. Based on the Trustees decision, Friends may re-think this matter.

B. Business Bulk Mailing

A decision was made to delay the business bulk mailing until February 2009. It was felt that February was a less busy time (re: all the Christmas mail). The delay also provides time to properly address the jump drive and PayPal issues. This matter will be discussed in more detail at the next Board meeting in January 2009.

C. Creation of Doll Clothes Fund

It was learned that monies from the sale of the doll clothes made by Dot Gooby's sister Bev Perunko had been used for purposes other than Bev's intent. To rectify this matter, Connie George made a motion that the proceeds from the sale of doll clothes from Bev Perunko be kept separate from any other funds designated for the Children's Room. Kris Sawyer seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. Connie will track the monies garnered from the sale of the doll clothes and these funds will be used only for permanent items in the Children's Room, which was Bev's original intent.

IV. New Business

A. Donation to Seacoast Hospice in Memory of Dorothy Tibbetts

It was learned that Joanne Mulready's mother, Dorothy Tibbetts, passed away on Thanksgiving. Kris Sawyer moved to donate \$30 from the Friends to Seacoast Hospice in memory of Mrs. Tibbetts. This motion was seconded by Pat Trionfo-Spitz and unanimously passed.

B. Valentine Tea

Sue Hughes stated that Gigi Dawson (Dot Gooby's granddaughter), who is a senior at Winnacunnet High School, would like to use the Valentine Tea as her Senior Volunteer Project. Friends was very accepting of this idea. Additionally, Friends member Shelley Chandler has stepped forward and volunteered to chair this popular event. Members who have been involved with the Valentine Tea in the past are needed to provide some guidance to Gigi and Shelley.

C. Spending Requests

1. Darrell Eifert noted that in the past Friends has purchased 6 to 8 poinsettia plants in 8" pots for the desks of Library staff for the holidays. Due to lack of knowledge on this request, it was thought best to put off this request until the 2009 holiday season.
2. Darrell made us aware that the Library is considering the purchase of additional stacks for more books. Perhaps this is something that Friends could do. This purchase would have to be approved by the Library Trustees. The shelving, made by Tucker, would be added to the existing stacks. The cost would be about \$450/unit, with 6 units being purchased for a possible total cost of \$3,000-\$4,000.
3. Darrell also wanted Friends to be aware that the Library is considering creating some privacy for the Reference Librarian by erecting a partition around the Reference Librarian's desk. This purchase also would have to be approved by the Library Trustees.
Perhaps expenditures for the above items 1 and 2 could be part of donations from businesses.

D. Other

1. Darrell Eifert announced that the Library is in need of people to do shelving on an as-needed basis and wondered if any Friends would be willing to be on-call for this. Bill Teschek will be sending out an e-mail on this matter to those who are interested.
2. The Winter Newsletter is being compiled. Deadline for submissions is Jan. 9th. Distribution is set for Jan. 21st. Please get your material to Debra by Jan. 9th.

V. Job Openings

There was no discussion on the 4 items listed under V. on the agenda.

VI. Upcoming Events

A. Valentine Tea

Discussion on the Valentine Tea centered on the popularity of this event. Because of the space limitations, seating cannot be increased, and it was felt that having only two seatings was best. Because of the popularity of the Tea, sign-ups are filled almost immediately upon publication of the date (this year it will be on Sat., Feb. 14th). This gives little opportunity for many people to sign up. One idea considered was to allot seats on a lottery basis, thereby giving fair opportunity for all to attend. It was determined that implementing this or other such ideas would be up to Shelley Chandler and Gloria Goudreau. More information will be available at the next board meeting.

VII. Summary of Decisions Made

- A. Notice about overdue member dues will be in the Winter Newsletter.
- B. Complimentary Newsletters will be given to Twilight Book Club members.
- C. The business bulk mailing will be delayed until Feb. 2009.
- D. Motion made/passed to keep proceeds from sale of Bev Perunko's doll clothes separate from other Children's Room funds, and to use such proceeds for purchase of permanent items for the Children's Room.
- E. Motion made/passed to donate \$30 to Seacoast Hospice in memory of Dorothy Tibbetts (Joanne Mulready's mother).
- F. WHS Senior Gigi Dawson wants to use the Valentine Tea as her Senior Project.
- G. Friends possibly to help with purchase of additional stacks for the Library.
- H. Winter Newsletter deadline for submissions is Jan. 9th.

Kris Sawyer moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Debra Perry. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM, in light of the stormy conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Goodman, Recording Secretary, Interim