

Friends of the Lane Memorial Library
Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2011
Accepted at 5/4/2011

Attendees: Shelley Chandler, Susan Hughes, Lynn Goodman, Lynn Blume, Sandy Kent, Diane Keyes, Liz Premo, Amanda Reynolds Cooper, and Richard Laskey.
President Shelley Chandler called the meeting to order at 6:38pm in the Dearborn-Redden Room.

Recording Secretary's Report

The Board meeting minutes from Feb. 9, 2011 were presented. Diane Keyes moved to accept the minutes. Sandy Kent seconded; motion approved.

There was no President/Vice-President Report at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Susan reported that the full cost of the new Reference Desk has been paid. Total assets as of end February 2011, are \$18,187.72. See Financial Report from February 2011.

Membership Chair's Report

Lynn Blume reported membership of 342. There has been no recent membership activity.

Unfinished Business

Sign Lighting Update

Discussion was held on possibilities for the lighting of the sign, and since no new information was available for the meeting, this item was tabled until next month. Members of the Board will be looking at examples of lighted signs in the seacoast area, in the meantime.

Outside Benches

The benches on the library lawn were damaged over the winter. These may be replaced and could tie in with the new long-term landscaping plan. Amanda is looking into this.

Library Landscaping

The Trustees have taken on the responsibility for the landscaping of the library's grounds. A general clean-up will be held on April 30th, the last Saturday in the month. All groups in town are welcome to participate. The Trustees have formed a committee for this work, with members Richard Laskey, Sunny Kravitz, and Bob Lamothe. Terri Teleen volunteered to be the Friends representative on this committee. Richard Laskey indicated that the committee will be contacting local nurseries for their possible involvement, and installation of curbing is being considered as well, although this may take a different form than street curbing. An overall plan for the landscaping, thinking long-term, will be developed.

Dona Janetos Memorial Update

Amanda stated that she felt the quilt-hanging was not going to work out as planned. After measuring everything carefully, and looking at the best way to hang the quilts, she felt there was not quite enough room to do it properly. Other ways to honor Dona's memory were brought up, including establishing a craft program, or a scholarship, or a fund. After further discussion, Sue Hughes made a motion to establish the Dona Janetos Craft Fund with monies donated in her name. Lynn Blume seconded, and this motion was unanimously passed. The new Craft Fund will require someone to develop and manage it.

Book Sale Pricing

In speaking with other organizations that hold book sales, it was learned that there are ways of pricing books other than by individual piece. Books can be sold by the pound; other sales don't price books at all but rely on donations. General discussion noted that maintaining the status quo for our sales was satisfactory. Further input as well as the preferences of Kris Sawyer will be sought.

New Business

Spending Requests

1. Further work on the Gallery in the Lane Room is underway. The Trustees approved funds for painting and for installing lighting specific to galleries. Additional money is needed in order to finish the work. Sandy Kent moved to spend up to \$500 in order to finish this project; Diane Keyes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

2. Darrell Eifert indicated that the Library would like to show the Academy-Award winning movie *The King's Speech*, but a one-day license would have to be purchased at a cost of \$100. The showing would be a one-shot deal. The Board felt it would be worth the cost and Amanda would let Darrell know. No motion was needed as the purchase was \$100. Date of showing will be advertised.

New Family-Oriented Brochure

As a way to increase membership, a new library brochure could be developed for new residents in town and/or those with new babies. This brochure might highlight services offered by the Library for families new to Hampton. A brochure for children's services was distributed through the schools in the fall. A question was raised on how to get information on new families/new babies. Liz Premo indicated that she might know of a resource and would work with Lynn Blume on this activity.

Finger Puppets

Shelley C presented the Board with finger and hand puppets knit by Bobbie Golledge and donated to the Friends to use as a fund-raiser. The finger puppets were popular among the Board members and many were purchased on the spot. It was suggested that these be displayed in the children's area somewhere so that library patrons could purchase them in time for Easter baskets. Shelley will ask Bobbie if she would be willing to come to the library and perhaps teach a class on how to make these items.

Red Sox Raffle

Diane Keyes announced that Friends had received a check in the amount of \$250 from The Rotary Club of Hampton with which to purchase tickets to a Red Sox game for this summer's raffle. Diane and Lynn G will contact the Rotary to thank them for this welcome donation and to see if they would like to help in making the raffle a success.

Publicity/Newsletter

Thanks was expressed by Amanda on behalf of the Library and Trustees to all those who worked to help the passage of Article 23 on the Town Warrant, which requested money for purchasing of books and media, and funding library programs. She also thanked Lynn G who had written a letter to the newspaper. In addition, Kacey Morris published a 3-page newsletter highlighting the Warrant Article, the successful Valentine Tea, and the Library's participation in the Christmas Parade. The newsletter was sent out to all members and no doubt helped to make everyone aware of Article 23 and the importance of its passage.

Tabled Items

Update job descriptions

Volunteer contracts

Insurance

Upcoming Events

Next Board Meeting – April 6th – 6:30 pm

Summary of Decisions Made

- A. Motion made/passed to establish the Dona Janetos Craft Fund with monies donated in her name.
- B. Motion made/passed to spend up to \$500 to finish the Gallery project in the Lane Room.
- C. Decision made to spend \$100 on a license to show *The King's Speech* one day only.

Sue Hughes moved for adjournment; Sandy Kent seconded. Shelley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Goodman
Acting Recording Secretary for Patt Walker