

# **FRIENDS OF THE LANE MEMORIAL LIBRARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**May 6, 2009**

Accepted 6/3/09

**Attendees:** Board Members - Susan Hughes, Connie George, Lynn Goodman, Pat Trionfo-Spitz, Sandy Kent, Diane Keyes, Kris Sawyer, Gloria Goudreau, and Darrell Eifert.  
Regular Members – Pete Ginieres, Shelley Chandler, John Klotz, Maureen O’Leary, Jean DeZorn, Pam Provencher, Judi Park, and Nancy Stiles.

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Hughes at 6:42 PM in the Lane Room at the Library.

## **I. Officers’ Reports**

- A. President  
No President’s Report at this meeting.
- B. Treasurer  
Connie George passed out a Treasurer’s Report dated March/April 2009. Total assets as of 4/30/09 are \$23,749.70. Please see attached Report.
- C. Membership  
Pat Trionfo-Spitz reported that Friends has approximately 178 members.

There were no other Officers’ Reports.

## **II. Friends Activities – September to May**

- A. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala  
Our Anniversary Gala, held last November, was a great success, and, while not a fundraiser, Friends did realize a profit. The event was well-attended and enjoyed by all.
- B. Doll Clothes Sale  
Again, another success, spearheaded by Dot Gooby in December. The money raised was used to purchase the Book Return unit for the Children’s Room.
- C. Valentine Tea  
This delightful February event was highly successful. The high school seniors did a wonderful job, and it is hoped that a working relationship can be established with the high school students for this annual event. Friends is considering holding another, similar type of event (a Teddy Bear Picnic?) later in the year.
- D. Business Bulk Mailing  
Friends doubled its membership as a result of the Fall bulk mailing to residents of Hampton. The business bulk mailing was sent out late Winter to approximately 950 businesses in Hampton, to help promote the many services of Lane Memorial Library. Darrell Eifert is tracking the returns from this mailing. Consensus is that future bulk mailings should be considered.

E. Children's Book Sales

Children's book sales are held in November and May for the 1<sup>st</sup> graders at Centre School. This is a very popular sale for the children, and will be continued.

F. Recent Purchases

1. Stackable Comfy Chairs – 60 chairs and 5 sleds will be delivered to the library on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The chairs are padded and lightweight, perfect for lectures, movies, etc. Some of the old plastic chairs will be kept for children's activities; the remainder may be sold or auctioned off.
2. A/V Receiver – Purchased for the Lane Room, complete with Dolby Surround Sound. A major enhancement.
3. Keurig Coffee Station – A welcome addition to the Library. Business is brisk.
4. Baby Quilt to Children's Room – The beautiful baby quilt created by Donna Janetos has been 'purchased' by Friends with a \$300 donation to the Children's Room; the quilt will be displayed in or near the Children's Room.
5. Vinyl Banner/Street Sign – These two items were purchased to help in advertising events/fundraisers at Lane Library and are a good investment.

### **III. Future Plans**

A. Fundraisers

1. Red Sox Game Tickets Raffle – Diane Keyes brought us up-to-date on this popular fundraiser. This year the Friends will offer tickets for two Red Sox games: one on 7/3 and the other on 7/26. Diane will e-mail a schedule and request Friends' help with selling the raffle tickets, again priced at \$2/ticket, at local supermarkets. Please step up to the plate and make time to help with this event. Ticket sales will open on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Library.
2. Summer Book Sale – Our Book Sale will be held from June 18 through June 20, with a Preview Night on Wednesday, 6/17, for Friends Members Only. Publicity for this event will be in the papers, and volunteers will be needed to help at the sale.
3. Other Ideas – There were suggestions for future fundraisers that Friends might do, such as maybe have two book sales; perform a school census for SAU 21; hold a trivia competition; mini-golf IN the Library; invite SHS 1<sup>st</sup> graders to the Nov. and May book sales.

B. Community Events

1. Teddy Bear Picnic – Could prove very popular; needs a coordinator.
2. Other Ideas – Perhaps something geared to seniors; Ernie Pyle play, perhaps in conjunction with the VFW or American Legion.

### **IV. Job Openings**

A. Vice-President

In view of Debra Perry's election to the Library Board of Trustees, she has stepped down as Friends' Vice-President; she has been appointed an Honorary Director, and will continue to serve as Editor of our newsletter. Friends is seeking a new Vice-President.

B. Friends Display Area Coordinator

Friends is also seeking someone to coordinate/maintain the display area above the coffee/water station in the Library.

C. Web Designer

Friends needs a good Web Designer to help maintain our website.

Members interested in any of these positions should contact Sue Hughes at 926-0472 or by e-mail at <suemarkh@comcast.net>

**V. Upcoming Events**

A. Twilight Book Club – The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 PM.

B. Board Meeting – To be held on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the Library.

C. Annual Book Sale – To be held June 18<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup>, with a Members-Only Preview Night on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. Summary of Decisions Made**

Lots of great ideas were generated, and the Board will investigate the details to see what's feasible. Thanks to all who attended!

Connie George moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Lynn Goodman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Goodman, Recording Secretary