

Friends of the Lane Memorial Library

Board Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2011

Accepted at 7/14/11 Meeting

Attendees: Shelley Chandler, Linda Libbey, Lynn Goodman, Sandra Kent, Susan Hughes, Liz Premo, Richard Laskey, Kris Sawyer, Mary Withka, Darrell Eifert, Patt Walker

The meeting was called to order by President Shelley Chandler at 6:41PM.

Recording Secretary's Report: Kris Sawyer moved to accept the previous minutes with a spelling correction and dates added for Doll Clothes sale. Sue Hughes seconded and the motion passed. Sandra Kent sent out all current thank you notes, and will send a card from Friends to Amanda Reynolds Cooper (new baby).

Treasurer's Report: Sue Hughes shared the expense and income figures for May. Our total assets stand at \$16,714.42 (see attached report).

Agenda change: Linda Libbey (former Trustee) presented a request for Board consideration. She described SSR (Sustained Silent Reading), a new initiative in the English Department at Winnacunnet this past school year. Linda has seen positive changes in her own children's academic behaviors indicated by much increased time spent reading. She expects SSR to go school-wide at the high school next year, since fall to spring test scores showed positive growth. Linda will also pursue having the Academy join the initiative.

Her request is to have the Friends help provide more Young Adult (YA) titles to students and/or English teachers for their classrooms. The Friends are very much in favor of supporting this initiative. A very lengthy and detailed discussion of how to provide support led to a motion to offer discounted, annual memberships (at \$5.00) to all active teachers in Hampton schools, with a valid school ID. This will allow teachers the option of attending the preview nights for our semi-annual book sales to have access to the best selection. Kris moved and Sandra Kent seconded this motion, which was approved.

Darrell Eifert reminded everyone that every student in our school system, as well as anyone who works in Hampton, can get a library card at no charge, and can check out books even if he/she lives in another town. He will send this info to Winnacunnet and encouraged Linda to help keep the discussion going about ways the library and the schools can work together to increase student use of the library resources.

Unfinished business:

Red Sox Raffle - All permits are in. More people are still needed to fill the 2-hour shifts which are on Saturdays (9-11, 11-1, 1-3). Darrell made new flyers and tickets, which look very professional. Liz Premo has sent publicity to the paper, and Darrell will send a presentation to cable TV. The logos from our prize donators will be added if they are furnished to Darrell.

The drawing for prizes will be Wednesday, July 20.

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Upcoming book sales: Kris reported that everything is on target, advertising is out, and lots of books are in, and she has only a few slots left to fill for workers.

Lighting the new sign: Ongoing - waiting for Parsons Electric to contact us to set up a review our needs for additional lighting and then revise his estimate.

Doll Clothes Sale: New flyer coming; Mary Lou Heran is helping Mary Withka. Mary encourage all the Board members to sign up for a time to help out with the sale.

New Business:

Spending requests: Darrell requested \$500 per year for Wowbrary. He believes it will be a tremendous promotional tool. It will allow the library to send out new book lists and reviews through a link or subscription on our website. He is asking Friends to provide seed money for this project. He will try to track whether this has a measurable effect on our circulation and then, perhaps, be able to move the expense to the regular budget if it proves successful. Kris moved; Lynn Goodman seconded; approved.

Paulina requested an increase in the summer programs budget. We need to increase the number of performances provided because we can't use the Academy and our hall can only hold half of the number of participants the Academy usually holds. Her request is for \$1,005 - \$400 for magician, \$380 for traveling science, \$125 Museum of Science and \$100 Odiorne Park - Grand Prize and 1st Prize, respectfully, for the Reading Raffle.

We divided the request. Sandra moved and Mary seconded approval of the funds for increased number of performances. Approved.

We would like more information about the Reading Raffle and would like Paulina/staff to meet with us to discuss prizes/incentives for the Summer Reading Program.

Sue presented the library request for \$600 to renew the Museum of Science - Boston discount vouchers for patrons to use. Sandra moved; Sue seconded; approved.

Tabled items: Update job descriptions, Volunteer contracts, Insurance, Outside benches

Upcoming Events:

Board meeting: 7/14/2011

Doll Clothes Sale: July 19 and 20

Summary of Decisions Made:

Provide discounted Friends' Membership to current Hampton teachers (with ID).

\$500 approved for Wowbrary

\$780 approved for additional summer performances

\$600 approved for Museum of Science reduced price tickets