

**FRIENDS OF THE LANE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

July 1, 2009

Accepted 8/12/09

Attendees: Amanda Reynolds Cooper, Darrell Eifert, Connie George, Dot Gooby, Gloria Goudreau, Mary Lou Heran, Susan Hughes, Diane Keyes, Paulina Shadowens, and Pat Trionfo-Spitz

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Hughes at 6:34 p.m. in the Dearborn Room at the Library. She thanked Gloria Goudreau for attending the first portion of the meeting to provide a quorum that would allow voting on several business items. Susan Hughes further explained that the meeting agenda would be adjusted to allow crucial business items to be addressed while Gloria was present.

IV. New Business

C. Spending Requests

1. Children's Services

Paulina Shadowens stated that the Children's Summer Program is experiencing unprecedented enrollment – three hundred seventy-six children. The one-hundred-fifty-seat capacity in the Lane Room was met within four days.

1.1 The Museum of Science event will feature two shows costing a total of \$360.00.

1.2 \$125.00 has already been spent by the Children's Room for mini-prizes for the children who are participating in the Summer Reading Program. Last year forty-eight prizes were donated by local businesses. This year only Captain's Cove has donated to date. The Children's Room will continue to seek donations but could very well come up short. The gifts are valued at \$5.00 each.

1.3 The Canobie Lake Park gift certificate that was given as the Grand Prize at the summer's end party last year provided much excitement for the winner. The cost is \$102.00 for a family of four to attend. Paulina asked that Friends' Members bake snacks for the summer's end party on July 29th.

It was estimated by Paulina that the total amount needed to cover the above activities could total \$1000.00. Diane Keyes moved to provide the money for the Children's Room as requested, setting a ceiling of \$1000.00. Dot Gooby seconded, and the motion was passed.

- 2.** Connie George reported that the library pass to the Museum of Science had been used eighty-nine times this year. Connie motioned to renew the Museum of Science pass for another year. Dot Gooby seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Spending Requests – continued -

3. Amanda Reynolds Cooper stated that there was a glitch with the new software for the photo copiers. The technical design of the coin box does not allow the copiers and the computers to communicate. \$2000.00 will be needed to correct the problem. Mary Lou Heran will present the request to the Trustees at their next meeting.

I. Recording Secretary's Report

Board Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2009 were presented for corrections/additions. No changes were necessary. Pat Trionfo-Spitz moved to accept the Minutes as written. Dot Gooby seconded, and the motion was passed.

At this stage of the meeting, the order of business as described on the Agenda was resumed. Gloria Goudreau excused herself, thereby removing the quorum required to vote on business items.

Officers' Reports

A. President

1. Susan Hughes stated that further discussion on the quilt, book bags, and the Albacore would be postponed until the fall.
2. Darrell Eifert and Paulina Shadowens will present the needs of the Adult Library and the Children's Room to the Board at future meetings. In the past, Darrell and Paulina had been given the option to spend their allocated book sale money without a vote. The preference of both Darrell and Paulina as well as The Friends Board is to communicate the Library's needs in person at Board meetings with approval by vote.
3. The request to renew the library pass for the Seacoast Science Center for \$60.00 was approved by the President prior to the meeting.
4. The next issue of the Newsletter will be distributed early in the fall.

B. Treasurer

Connie George distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for May and June 2009. The assets of the Friends of the Lane Memorial Library as of June 30, 2009 total \$27,549.40.

C. Membership

Pat Trionfo-Spitz reported that The Friends' currently has 199 members. Six new business members have contributed \$650.00. Fourteen new members were added during the recent book sale.

II. **Old Business**

A. Red Sox Raffle Update

Diane Keyes reported that \$202.00 was made from the sales of Red Sox Raffle tickets at Shaw's in North Hampton on July 6th. There will be one more Saturday sale on July 11th at Market Basket in Seabrook. Ticket sales at the recent book sale totaled \$243.00. Ticket sales are down this year, even at the Library. To date Connie George has deposited \$319.00 in Library sales. Individuals are helping immensely by selling tickets at work, and to their friends and families. Diane will contact three restaurants at the beach with the possibility of obtaining their help with raffle ticket sales.

B. Annual Book Sale

Sue Hughes reported the results of the recent Book Sale - \$2173.95.

C. Dearborn Room Redecorating

Amanda Reynolds Cooper reported on the results of the June Trustees' Meeting as it related to redecorating the Dearborn Room. The table and chairs will remain since they are in good condition and are an excellent match for the décor used in the rest of the Library. The chairs will be reupholstered; end panels will be added to the shelves; and area rugs will be purchased.

D. American Girl Doll Application

1. Dot Gooby reported that to satisfy the requirements of the American Girl Doll application, the Children's Room has recommended the purchase of an acrylic book shelf to allow the small children to view and use the audio books that will be placed there. The cost of the book shelf is \$302.00. If the Library is awarded an American Girl Doll, the Sweetheart Tea in February was thought to be a good time to raffle it off.
2. Responding to questions concerning the future sales of American Girl Doll clothes, Dot said that her sister was limited in the amount of clothes she could make due to health issues. Dot will need someone to assume responsibility for any upcoming sales since she will be in Florida.

E. Grant Writing – Books for Babies

Mary Lou Heran reported that it will be necessary to purchase two-hundred-fifty kits to participate in “Books for Babies.” Amanda will look into the State program for further discussion at next month’s meeting.

F. Spending Requests

Darrell Eifert reintroduced discussion on the one-person play starring Gary Morrison to be held at the Library on August 11th. It is a satire on Ernie Pyle for adults. Since no quorum existed, the vote for The Friends’ to sponsor the event at the cost of \$250.00 will be officially postponed until the August meeting.

III. New Business

A. Bake Sale

Discussion was held on the best time to hold a Bake Sale. The first of December was a popular choice and will be put on the Agenda of a future meeting.

IV. Job Openings

A. Vice President

Sue Hughes stated that The Friends is still seeking a new Vice-President.

B. Membership Chair

Sue Hughes stated that Pat Trionfo-Spitz has moved to Exeter. She will not hold a Board position next year but will continue to be part of The Friends and to provide her assistance and support.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12th at 6:30 PM in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Keyes for Lynn Goodman