

FRIENDS OF THE CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
March 19, 2014

Present: Pat Hoffman, Shirley Young, Eileen Brochu, Janet Kucera, Marcia Cohl, Betty Parker, Andre Comeau, David Smolen, Susan Pfeil, Anne Smith, Melinda Coyle, Colleen Hill (Trustee), Carol Saunders, Amy Snow.

Anne Smith called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from our January & February meetings were unanimously accepted. January's minutes were not voted on in Feb., as we didn't have a quorum during that meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Snow presented the financial report for the month of February. Amy reported that the accountant has all our tax info. We made \$1,340.50 (before expenses) at our Flatbread pizza night! Amy will send them a thank you. The January & February financial reports were unanimously accepted.

Library Report: David Smolen reported that the town deliberative sessions went well and reminded us all to get out and vote. Kim O'Brien will be starting March 31st as a new assistant librarian. The library has a new cleaner. The chili cook-off went well....the library didn't win but the display turned out very good. The Family Place program is in full swing.

Trustee Report: Colleen Hill reported that the storage shed & parking issues will be discussed again during this month's trustee meeting. She is looking for new people to serve on her parking "subcommittee". Two Trustees are not running for reelection this year. She thanked the Friend's for a lovely reception that was held for Pat Wicker's retirement.

David asked the Friends for their opinion on the storage shed. We were comfortable with one similar to the Town Hall's that could be built by the Rec. Dept. with possible lumber donated, depending upon where it was located. We asked David to check with Bobbi Fraser to make sure the size would be OK with her (i.e., wheel barrel & garden needs).

Old Business:

Brochure Updating: Susan Pfeil had reported to the small number of attendees during our Feb. meeting the conversations that she & Melinda had with Lisa Dionne. She also discussed "ballpark pricing" of print options for the brochure and that we really needed to decide how much money the Friends want to invest in their brochures. Susan reported that unfortunately she could not take on this task of redesigning the brochure. There were so few members present at this meeting that we decided to table this item for discussion at the March meeting. In the meantime,

Betty Parker had redesigned the Library's brochure and found a nice weight & textured paper. Cost would only be \$38 for 500 sheets and her suggestion is the Friend's could use this paper in a different color than the Library's brochure. Betty will e-mail a draft copy of the redesigned Friend's brochure text to everyone for their input. We can then discuss during our April meeting.

Book cart: During our November 2013 meeting we voted to purchase a book cart to be designated for Friend's use only. Betty reported they hadn't found one to purchase yet.

Book Sale in April: Janet Kuceru passed around a list of "to do's" for the inside April vacation book sale on April 19-26th. She also made a volunteer list for hours on Sat. & Monday for Friends to help with the sale and cashing out customers. Prices were agreed to be kept at \$1 for hardcover & 50 cents for paperbacks. Amy will get change at the bank for cash. Betty & Marcia had ads & posters all set.

New Business:

We received a note from Bobbi saying the gardener has a medical issue and can't do the perennial garden redesign until next year.

Thank you notes to all people/businesses that donate to our raffle baskets should be sent this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm

Important Dates to Remember:

- FOL meeting: April 16th at 4 pm
- Chinook Dogs program by Bob Cottrell on April 3rd at 6:30 pm
- Indoor book sale: April 19th - 26th school vacation
- Volunteers' Appreciation dinner: Friday, April 11th
- 99 Restaurant fundraiser: July 1st
- Annual summer book sale: Sat. July 26th
- Friends' annual meeting: Wed. September 17th

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pfeil, Secretary