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

Present: Carol Saunders, Andre Comeau, Marcia Cohl, Anne Smith, Eileen Brochu, Shirley Young, Betty Parker, Susan Pfeil, Cynthia Melendy, David Smolen, Christine Fleming (potential member).

Anne Smith called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm. This is our <u>new start time</u> so that David and Shannon have a little more time for their other schedules.

Christine Fleming was unanimously welcomed as a new member of the FOL.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from our October 2014 meeting were unanimously accepted.

Library Report: David gave the Library report and announced they have hired someone for the Youth Librarian. The stairway carpeting is to be replaced within this year's budget; it will be rubber tread with strips. Next year's budget hopefully will include sections of the rest of the library. The trash shed has been delivered finally! Alice Folgel (NH's poet laureate) will be here next month, thanks for the NH Humanities Council. The parking on the Burnell lot is not an option anymore. Trustees have 1) asked staff to park behind the Echo building; 2) Conway police will enforce the 2 hr limit on parking more; and 3) up to 5 spaces will be added by eliminating the island out front. The Arts Association will be handling the "artist of the month" displays from now on for us.

Betty will be doing a "holiday book cart" for gifts this month. She also presented an idea of a "little free library". This would be kiosks around town that have a "take a book, leave a book" type policy. To be discussed further in the Spring.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Shannon reported that the Amazon Smile account for the Friends is all set. Shannon will e-mail members how to use the Smile. We can not do any "print" advertising for it; only media (Facebook, website, etc)

David, Anne & Shannon met in October about establishing investments for gifts FOL are given. First we need an "investment policy" written. We currently have \$15k to invest. This will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Shannon is still working on bringing the accounts up to date so no Treasurer's report was given.

Business:

Olga's retirement reception went very well. Puckerbush's program on December 2nd at 6:30 pm will need drinks & goodies.

Flatbread fundraiser is on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 30th</u>. Marcia will put a block ad in the Sun and do posters. Sue P. will do the banner needed to hang at Flatbread. Volunteers to "mingle" that night are as follows:

5-6 pm Sue Pfeil & Marcia Cohl6-7 pm Carol Saunders & Andre Comeau

7-8 pm Eileen Brochu & Shirley

8-9 pm Anne Smith & Cynthia Melendy

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm

Important Dates to Remember:

• Friends' meeting: Wed. December17th at 3:45 pm (NOTE NEW START TIME)

• Holiday Program: December 2nd – The "Puckerbrush" group.

• Flatbread Fundraiser: Tuesday, December 30 from 5pm until closing.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pfeil, Secretary