

FRIENDS OF THE CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2014

Present: Carol Saunders, Andre Comeau, Marcia Cohl, Anne Smith, Pat Hoffman, Eileen Brochu, Shirley Young, Betty Parker, Janet Kucera, Susan Pfeil, Betty Parker, Cynthia Melendy, Colleen Hill (trustee).

Anne Smith called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

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

Treasurer's Report: Anne Smith presented a financial report on behalf of Shannon who couldn't make the meeting. There are a few questions on the report and dates that need to be corrected so a motion was accepted to table the financial report until next month's meeting.

Library Report: Betty Parker reported that the library is planning a retirement "Open House" reception for Olga on Thursday, October 30th at 2-4 pm. The Trustees will supply food and the Friends are asked to supply cider & desserts. Marcia will do advertising for the event.

The volunteer appreciation dinner will be on May 15, 2015 at the Calumet Center.

Trustee's Report: Coleen Hill reported the Trustees are working on the 2015 budget and it should be similar to last year's budget. The trash shed has still not been delivered by Glen Builders.

Business:

Voting for the 2015 Officers: Anne Smith = President; Susan Pfeil = Secretary; and Shannon Davenport = Treasurer. All were unanimously accepted.

Pat Hoffman reported that due to underwhelming response from our local libraries to our "social & networking" invitations, she will be cancelling the proposed meeting and will possibly try again in the Spring.

Membership: Pat Hoffman is learning Excel to take over the membership duties.

Anne presented the idea of Friends paying for a library membership to the MWV Chamber of Commerce for \$125. We questioned what it would bring to the library. Instead, maybe we should discuss asking for businesses to pay for sponsorship to support the library or a corporate membership to the Friends. Table to next meeting.

Marcia asked if anyone had seen a bill from Jen Anderson the graphic artist that worked on our newsletter? No one seems to know.

Cynthia M. did some research on the Amazon Smile program and reported positive reviews about it. When people purchase items via the Smile website and link their account to the Friends, .5% of the purchase amounts will be donated to the Friends. Kindle store purchases are not included in this program. It was unanimously voted to participate in the Smile program and Anne will ask Shannon, as Treasurer, to get the FOL signed up as a nonprofit eligible for the donations.

Betty Parker passed around an updated committee list that was discussed. She also announced that the library's exhibit at the Fryeburg Fair won 2nd prize of \$40.00.

Janet K. suggested we skip a February program and add a summer program in early July. February's weather is always so hard to depend upon for presenters & public attendance. We voted to have a Spring (April/May), Summer (early July), Sept with our annual mtg, and a holiday (Dec.) program.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm

Important Dates to Remember:

- Retirement Reception for Olga: **Thursday, October 30th 2-4 pm.**
- Friends' meeting: **Wed. November 19th at 4 pm .**
- Holiday Program: **December 2nd – The "Puckerbrush" group.**
- Flatbread Fundraiser: **Tuesday, December 30 from 5pm until closing.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pfeil, Secretary