

FRIENDS OF THE CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
December 17, 2013

Present: Shirley Young, Amy Snow, Anne Smith, Janet Kucera, Marcia Cohl, Pat Hoffman, Betty Parker, Melinda Coyle, Eileen Brochu, Susan Pfeil, Andre Comeau.

Anne Smith called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from our November 20, 2013 meeting were unanimously accepted with Amy Snow abstaining due to not reading them yet.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Snow presented the financial report for the month of November 2013. We achieved our goal of 55 members...yeah! Received a \$100 donation from "Eye Hopes" of Eaton for large print kids books. The report was unanimously accepted.

Library Report: We need to confirm whether the Friend's book cart has or has not been purchase yet. Betty gave this report as David was meeting with the Town on the budget. Trustees are discussing staff benefits and possible changes (ie, sick, vacation time etc.) The parking lot across the street is still being discussed for possibilities. The Library has 2 new volunteers for 15-20 hours per week.

Trustee Report: Amy Snow gave this report. As mentioned above, they are exploring possibilities for the parking lot across from the library. They are also working on new fees for Eaton & Albany residents to use the Conway library.

Old Business:

Friend's Brochure: Betty Parker has been talking with a volunteer with design & layout experience and asked Susan Pfeil & Marcia Cohl to work on redesigning our brochure. Currently it is just copied on to green paper and doesn't look very good. Melinda Coyle also volunteered to work on this project. After ideas & prices are organized we will report back to the Friends on their approvals and suggestions to go further.

Susan Pfeil confirmed that our annual fundraising night at Flatbread Pizza in North Conway will be **Thursday, February 20, 2014**. Sue suggested that we look into making bookmarks with the FOL's logo on them as give away for PR.

New Business:

Gardening for Spring: Bobbie Frasier presented some ballpark amounts and details of what needs to be done in the Spring. The largest project is redesigning the semicircle perennial garden near the side door. This may take \$1,500, however we don't need to pay for mulching this coming year. As the 2014 budget for gardening

is \$2,000, as long as it stays within this amount Bobbie can use the money as she feels needed. The plants inside the library need some attention Anne Smith says.

Marcia Cohl discussed an offer from the new Mountaineer magazine at \$75. Is this a paper that meets the needs of Friend's advertising? Marcia will get more details.

Anne Smith opened the meeting up to discussion for "new fundraising" ideas. As books sales seem to be less & less in demand, we need to open up the possibilities for fundraising other ways. Shirley Young said she'd get details on a program The 99 Rest. is offering. Melinda will get more details on Applebee's "breakfast" fundraisers. Sue Pfeil & Anne Smith spoke about attending the No Conway Friend's recent reception & theater night as an idea. Betty Parker spoke about a travel agent that could set up trips. More raffle ticket ideas?

Amy noted that we hadn't received letters from Betty Longley or Connie Brown requesting they be put on "inactive status" for a while, so we don't have problems with quorum #'s. Anne Smith sent out an e-mail to them immediately requesting this.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm

Dates to Remember:

- FOL meeting : February 19th at 4 pm.
- Flatbread Pizza fundraiser in No Conway – Thurs. Feb. 20th 4 pm to close.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pfeil, Secretary