

FRIENDS OF THE CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
February 20, 2013

Present: Pat Hoffman, Amy Snow, Shirley Young, Janet Kucera, Marcia Cohl, Betty Parker, Carol Saunders, Anne Smith, Susan Pfeil. Observing were Eileen Brochu, Mark Hounsell, Bill Marvel and Joe Braghew.

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

Secretary's Report: The minutes from our January 16, 2013 meeting were reviewed and unanimously accepted, with one correction about Dollar for Scholars.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Snow presented January's financial report showing a checking account balance of \$10,760.05. There was a new annual expense for Director & Officers insurance of \$584. The January financial report was unanimously accepted. Amy informed members that the donation line in our 2013 budget was increased by \$200 (total being \$400 now). Just FYI. We currently have 27 members in our Affinity program at TD Bank, we need 50.

Library report: Betty Parker reported there were 51 new patrons in January. Electronic downloads are really increasing (mostly audio books). There were 40 programs at the library in January (2012 there were 33). The librarians have been organizing various rooms and the new janitorial company is doing a good job. Betty asked the Friends to pay for painting the 3 public bathrooms as they are various colors and looking tired. A number of members discussed whether this should be presented to the Trustees to pay. Pricing quotes for the painting range between \$660 for 1 coat to \$700 for 2 coats. We all agreed that the walls need to be prepared well and 2 coats should be used. Betty also informed the Friends that music shelving that was in the wish list will not be needed, so that will be \$358 not spent. A vote was taken to have the 3 public restrooms painted with 2 coats of paint, Betty selecting which painter to use. The vote was 2 no and 8 yes. Painting passes.

Trustee Meeting: Colleen submitted a report saying at the 2/13/13 meeting the following was discussed: Library parking is being worked on. Linda Fox Phillips has talked with the town about new signs on the library's property for Spring (\$30 each) and towing cars; she also talked with Dr. Rose about his employee's parking. Library Hours: new hours will be communicated as Monday-Sat. 10 am opening, Monday-Thurs. 8 pm closing and Fri & Sat. 5 pm closing. Search committee is working on its final stages of a job description. There was vandalism of the flagpole light fixture. Boiler issues were discussed.

Business:

Marcia Cohl has contacted all our media people and introduced herself as our new media person.

Bob Contrell's presentation on Abenaki Indians and local history will be on March 5th at 6:30 to 8 pm. Friends need to bring snacks at 6 pm.

We received a check from the Flatbread's fundraising event in January for \$726.

Amy Snow reported that the Book Plate program has its marketing and purchasing forms all ready to go. It was the opinion of Amy & the librarians that a type of genre of a book should be the way to purchase, instead of specific authors. A vote for the FOL to sponsor this program at the library was unanimous.

Newsletter: Janet Kucera, Marcia Cohl, Susan Pfeil and Betty Parker will be working our newsletter for 2013. Janet will be planning out the details and deadlines for articles. We discussed whether the newsletter could be sent via e-mail to members, to save costs. A majority of members felt printing was the best as e-mail addresses change often. Janet will be getting prices from other graphic artists.

Book sales: Betty said we could have our April vacation "indoor" book sale. If we decide to hold the July 27th book sale, Anne Smith has reserved the tables already.

Janet will ask the Mountain Aire Strings group if they can do our April program.

Copies of our proposed new By-Laws were given to members for their review. Discussions will be held during our March & April meetings.

Shirley Young suggested a N H Humanities Program for our annual mtg. in the Fall.

Amy Snow reminded members that the United for Libraries website is available to all. The sign in is 1285246 and password is fr03818.

Mark Hounsell and Bill Marvel announced to the group their plans to run for the Library's Board of Trustees in April.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Dates to Remember:

- Next FOL meeting is on **March 20th at 4 pm.**
- Next Trustee's mtg. is **March 6th at 4 pm.**
- Abenaki Program is on March 5th at 6:30-8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pfeil
Secretary

