

FRIENDS OF THE CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
January 16, 2013

Present: Anne Smith, Susan Pfeil, Amy Snow, Pat Hoffman, Shirley Young, Betty Parker, Janet Kucera, Marcia Cohl, Andre Comeau, Lucy Philbrick (neighbor of library building) and Colleen Hill (Trustee).

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

Secretary's Report: The minutes from our November (no quorum was present) and December 19, 2012 meetings were reviewed and unanimously accepted with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: As we did not have a quorum to vote at the Nov. meeting, Amy Snow presented our Nov. report again and it was unanimously accepted. The December financial report shows a checking account balance of \$11,625.56. We have received a \$4,000 grant from the Goldberg Fund to be used exclusively for the History Room. The Dec. report was unanimously accepted.

Amy then presented a finalized 2013 budget, which was unanimously accepted.

She also received a letter from the "Dollar for Scholars" high school team asking the Friends to sponsor the team for 2013. We had supplied them with tee shirts last year which they really appreciated. It was unanimously voted to sponsor the team and give them tee shirts again for 2013.

Library Director's report: Betty Parker asked the Friends for the following expenditures: Approving the repairs to the library's grandfather clock for the quote of \$330 and Janis's purchase of the book dolly. Both are in the library's wish list for 2013 so no vote by the Friends was necessary. The new Kindle has arrived. Staff has been attending Trustee meetings and Betty feels it has helped a lot with communications at the library. Circulation was down by 2½% in 2012. (Adult circulation was up by 2,000 and children's was down by 4,000)

Trustee Meeting: Colleen Hill thanked the FOL members who supported the library during the last town budget committee meeting and asked our continued attendance at future meetings. Amy will keep us apprised of upcoming meeting dates.

Business:

Mission Statement for FOL: As there wasn't a quorum at the Nov. meeting the mission statement was not voted on. It was unanimously accepted. Now on to updating the By Laws!

Sharon Meyer and Diane Gurien have submitted letters of resignation to the Board.

Bob Contrell's presentation for Feb. on Abenaki Indians and local history will need to be rescheduled to March 5th.

Amy Snow presented a new version of the Book Plate including the FOL as sponsors. Discussion was had about the cost of \$20 (is that a good amount for all genres of books?) Betty Parker will check out the library's costs for most books and report back next month to discuss the project further.

Anne Smith talked about the new Search Committee for a Head Librarian. Anne will be the Friends representative along with 2 Trustees and they will be asking David Page & Mark Hounsell to serve on the committee for an odd # total of 7 members, which is good for voting purposes.

Pat Hoffman will be tending to the Book Nook for January & February.

Marcia Cohl has accepted the position of publicity chair because of Diane's leaving. Marcia also volunteered to serve as the editor of our newsletter for 2013. Thank you Marcia!

Lucy Philbrick said she wanted to attend our meeting because of a statement she heard that the Friends would be supplying money for the library to purchase the lot near her home for added parking. We all commented to her that the Friends did not have that kind of money to give to the library, and the consensus was that the lot, if purchased by the library, would just be used by the medical building people and would probably not help the library parking that much.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Dates to Remember:

- Next FOL meeting is on **February 20th at 4 pm.**
- Next Trustee's mtgs. are Jan. 17th and Jan.30th at 4 pm.
- Abenaki Program will be on March 5th.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pfeil
Secretary