

FRIENDS OF THE CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
JULY 9, 2013

Present: Amy Snow, Betty Longley, Connie Brown, Marcia Cohl, Betty Parker, Andre Comeau, Carol Saunders, Janet Kucera, Anne Smith, Pat Hoffman and David Smolen (the new library director), also Colleen Hill (trustee).

Janet Kucera called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from our June 2013 meeting were reviewed and unanimously accepted. The minutes of this meeting are being taken by Carol Saunders in Susan Pfeil's absence.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Snow presented June's financial report. As of June 1st, one bookplate had been sold; more since. The big expense has been the landscaping. Anne Smith made the motion to accept and Andre Comeau seconded it. All were in favor.

Amy Snow reported on the membership drive. There have been four new members from the newsletter. She is sending reminder letters to people to let them know that their membership has expired.

Betty Parker introduced and welcomed David Smolen to the board members. Attendance has been down; wondering if the counter is working correctly.

Article of Association: Connie Brown made a motion to accept the Article of Association and Marcia Cohl seconded it and all were in favor. They will be filed with the State and town of Conway.

Business:

Book Sale: Anne has more boxes and she will pick up the tables on Thursday to be set up on Friday. She has arranged for the people to pick up the books after the sale. Eileen Brochu has taken care of scheduling volunteers to help. Amy will get change from the bank. Raffle tickets will be separate. David and Andre will put the tent up over the cashiers. TD Bank will be presenting the Affinity Program to people. Janet has lined up musicians to play at different times during the day. Newsletters will be available in hopes to get new members.

Raffle: Marcia Cohl will sell tickets in the Ham Room during the book sale. The tickets are 3 for \$2.00 or 10 for \$5.00. Tickets will be drawn at the end of the day and winners will get a phone call on Sunday. The tickets will be stapled to the basket with the phone number. About \$260 was raised at Shaws and the total at meeting time was about \$600.

August Program: The program is “Crosscut”, The Mills, Logging and Life on the Androscoggin. It is on Tuesday, August 13th at 7 pm. Everyone should bring snacks. Marcia will make nametags. The posters are ready to put up. There are enough paper products. The Friends should be here at 6 pm to help set up. There will be a donation can and newsletters will be available. Ask people to take care of their chairs and members will clean up.

Connie Brown suggested the Book Nook out in the front entryway and it seems to be working well. The person that takes care of the downstairs one should also check the upstairs area.

Welcome Reception: Anne Smith is planning a welcome reception for our new director, David Smolen, in September. There will be more information at the August meeting. The public will be invited and the Friends & Trustees will be supplying snacks. Marcia will make posters.

Director’s Report: Betty Parker gave the Director’s report. The staff had a welcoming breakfast on Monday for the new director. Attendance in June was down from last year. The summer reading program has 216 people enrolled. The library writers group has come up with a name: White Mountain Writers. They are working on an anthology of writings from the group that should be published in the Fall. The new handyman for the library is Bill Hill and he seems to be working out very well. The bathroom was vandalized and may cost up to \$100 to fix. The comment box had 2 book suggestions and 1 video.

Trustee’s report: Colleen Hill reported they still don’t have information on the signs. Bill Frank had a collection of fly-fishing books that he would like to donate. Room seems to be a problem so they aren’t sure if they will accept them. There is an architect coming to look at space in the library and hopefully will come up with the use of the space. Discussed paintings on the walls. Who will choose what?

Amy commented on the number of posters we were using and how most places didn’t have a lot of room, so could we consolidate? Discuss further at next meeting.

Ray Burton is coming to the library on August 5th at 9 am with the State librarian to tour the library. They are touring the North Country.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Dates to Remember:

- Next FOL meeting is on August 21st at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Saunders, Temporary Secretary