

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

Present: Janet Kucera, Amy Snow, Andre Comeau, Marcia Cohl, Shirley Young, Carol Saunders, Susan Pfeil, Eileen Brochu, Betty Parker. Observers: Bill Marvel, Colleen Hill (Trustee)

Janet Kucera called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from our February 20, 2013 meeting were reviewed and unanimously accepted, with one spelling correction.

Election of New Director: Eileen Brochu was unanimously voted as a new director to the FOL board with 7 yes votes (2/3rds vote). Welcome Eileen!

Treasurer's Report: Amy Snow presented Feb.'s financial report showing a checking account balance of \$12,086.30. Flatbread Pizza's fundraiser net income was \$693.25 this year. The Feb. financial report was unanimously accepted.

Library report: Betty Parker reported the new hours of the library have been communicated to patrons as much as possible (on front door, website, etc). The painter will be here next week to do the bathrooms. The main floor has been reorganized and is looking good. A number of the librarians are taking night courses for various computer classes.

Trustee Meeting: Colleen Hill reported that the job description for the new Director has been finalized and the job is now being advertised locally & nationwide. The Trustees are working on a maintenance schedule for the building to prevent emergency issues.

Business:

Janet has confirmed that the Mountain Aire Strings group will be our program on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7-8:30 pm. Friends should bring snacks at 6:30 pm.

Presenters for our annual meeting on [Sept. 17th at 6:30 pm](#) were discussed. It was unanimously voted to ask Andy Davis, a wonderful storyteller, to do the program. We should keep in mind a few of the Humanities Council's programs. Shirley Young will check to see if Rebekah Rule's program on Life on the Androscoggin - Mills & Logging would be available for August. Bob Cottrell's program on Chinook dogs would be good for next year's winter months.

Bylaws Update: Amy's "draft #4" has been sent to all members. The way to treat inactive members (mostly snowbirds) was discussed. Betty Longley's e-mail about

this subject was read. The sentence about subcommittees having separate bylaws will be eliminated. We will discuss more at next month's meeting.

Newsletter: Janet, Betty P. and Marcia are collecting articles, deadline is on May 1st. Janet is also working on getting prices for the graphic artist.

Betty Parker asked the Friends if they would "host" a Trustee's candidate forum. Amy Snow commented that she felt the FOL should not be involved in the Trustee election, except voting individually. A vote was taken and all agreed. Friends said they would volunteer to help and Anne Smith has volunteered to moderate the forum, but we will not host it for the library. It will be held on Wed. April 3rd 4-6 pm.

Friends Meetings: Janet brought up the issue of how long our meetings should be. (2 hrs? 1.5 hrs?) Amy commented that sometimes she feels "rushed" through the meetings, esp. when something important is being discussed and it is cutoff due to time. Maybe we should start meetings at 2:45 or 3 pm to allow time to talk but still end the meetings by 5 pm? We should all think about it for further discussion.

Calendars: Amy reported that they cost us \$125; we have sold \$36. We discussed and it was agreed that she should reduce them to \$4 and then the remainder next month should be just donated to a school for art supplies.

Book sales: We currently don't have a ton of books. If we have the April vacation week sale, we might not have enough books for the [July 27th sale](#). After discussion we voted not to have the April sale and analyze which is best (all the work to plan it vs income earned) after this year's July sale.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Dates to Remember:

- Next FOL meeting is on [April 17th at 4 pm.](#)
- Next Trustee's mtg. is March 28th at 4 pm.
- Mountain Aire Strings program on Tues, April 23rd 7-8:30 pm
- Trustee's candidate forum on Wed, April 3rd at 4-6 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pfeil
Secretary