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

Present: Anne Smith, Pat Hoffman, Eileen Brochu, Andre Comeau, Susan Pfeil, Betty Parker, Shirley Young, Marcia Cohl, Carol Saunders, Melinda Coyle, Amy Snow and David Smolen.

Anne Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Janis spoke to the Friends first as she had to leave. She said that a table was available to the Friends if they were interested in promoting during the holidays. It was suggested that we try to promote the Book Plate Program as its perfect for people who have everything but love to read. Marcia will coordinate the publicity with Olga; Ann & Pat H. will work with Janis next Monday to organize what to do on the table for a display.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from our October 16, 2013 meeting were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Snow presented the financial report for the month of October 2013. FOL paid $75 for the no parking signs, but they haven't been installed as yet. We are at 50 members; our goal for 2013 was 55; there are a couple renewals due so we may hit this goal…yeah! The report was unanimously accepted.

Library Report: David Smolen reported that roof work is being done on the leaks & heat tape installed for ice issues. Town police will be patrolling the library area for a few weeks to see if any issues need to be addressed. The Young Adult area is being looked at for improvements to try and "spiff" it up a little. Staffing administration procedures are being reviewed (ie, vacations, etc).

Budget issues are coming up….14% increased in health benefits & 8-10% increase in retirement benefits will put a dent into other items in the budget. They are looking at possible fees for the history room and copying fees. As these increases may cut into the budgeted amount to buy new books, David asked the Friends to increase our 2014 budgeted amounts by $1,000 for books and $500 for the library's wish list. Everyone seemed OK with this increase and the vote will be done via the voting on our budget later in the meeting.

David also asked that he spend the last of 2013's wish list ($719) on a $300 pass for the Squam Lake Science Center (a seasonal pass for free admissions up to 4) and a $300 pass to the Children's Museum of NH in Dover (year round, up to 4 people ½ off admission price). Also a new "sandwich" type sign for the front of the library building. These new items on the wish list were unanimously voted yes.

Trustee Report: Amy Snow gave this report. A representative from the NH Preservation Society from Concord visited the library but we were told our library building is in very good condition and, as there are many in NH that aren't, we would not be seeing any grant money. The Town & Conway's Fire District will be working to figure out how to plow the sidewalk this winter.

New Business:

We thanked Betty Parker for all the work she did to create the Library's prizewinning display at the Fryeburg Fair. Betty purchased fabric for the table and had signs made for all the services the library offers. Really good job Betty!!
Next year we need volunteers to help bring the books (over 60), the large quilt & our FOL's banner over and set up the display. We should also remember to register the display in the FOL's name, not the library, for better use of the prize $s.

A thanks to Marcia Cohl for doing an excellent article in the paper about bringing books to the library for FOL to sell. Lots of books have come in afterwards.

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.

The holiday program will be on **December 17th at 6:30 pm**. Please come and bring goodies! Marcia has the publicity all ready and she will do a holiday centerpiece for the table; Ann will do punch. As our Dec. mtg. was normally scheduled for the next day, we all agreed instead to meet at 4:30 on the 17th for a meeting.

A "spiffing" up of our FOL brochure is being worked on by Betty, Sue & Marcia.

2014 Budget: Amy presented the budget for 2014 with a few changes. We all agreed to include income for a potential Spring book sale and to include the increases David requested in books & wish list amounts. With these changes, the budget was approved unanimously.

Shirley Young requested a book cart be purchased as a dedicated one for the FOL to keep our Book Nook areas filled and for the book sales. It was unanimously voted yes and Betty P. and/or David will purchase the best one for a few hundred dollars.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm

Dates to Remember:

- FOL meeting : Dec. 20th at 4:30 pm, setup for program 6 pm.
- Holiday program: 6:30 pm on Dec. 20th.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pfeil, Secretary