

FRIENDS OF THE CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board Meeting, July 19, 2017

Present: (11 Directors) Eileen Brochu, Trish Irwin, Cindy Graham, Janet Kucera, Colleen Hill, Anne Smith, Shirley Young, Andre Comeau, Dottie Blake, Carol Saunders and Marcia Cohl. Absent: Pat Hoffman. Also present: Library representatives David Smolen and Tessa Narducci, and Friends bookkeeper Ginny Nossif.

Meeting called to order by Anne at 3:45pm.

Secretary's Report: June meeting minutes unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report/Discussion:

Colleen reported the following balances:

Checkbook balance: \$11,512.98

CD Balance \$5,033.43

Agnes Kimball (Children) Savings: \$8,323.68

Recent expenses included ads for membership and for summer program.

Friends donation of \$100.00 will be made to community bookmobile through Conway Elem.

Treasurer's Report for June was unanimously accepted.

Librarian's Report:

David presented information on library programs. Summer reading program is active and many books are being logged in as part of the program. Lowes is collaborating with Library by offering a Birdhouse Building workshop. Upcoming programs include: a talk on immigration by Linda Borenstein; a sharing of senior stories by the Visiting Nurses; and Dr. MaryAnne Jackson's program "Whatever Happened to Natural Causes". Library has submitted grants to both the Ham Foundation and the Pequawket Foundation as well as an LCHIP Grant to help fund the removal of vermiculite from the attic. Library is also looking into: foreign language software, online music service, and expanding the library's digital resources for community use.

Committees:

Book Sale: Eileen reported that a lot of books have been donated for this book sale. David suggested having book sale both upstairs and downstairs because of the amount of books and he volunteered library staff as cashiers upstairs. Eileen thought she could provide two cashiers in Ham Room and two more upstairs. She reminded Directors to bring in bags for customers use during the sale. She noted the book sale starts at 9:00 and ends at 2:00 with breaking down and moving books to the book truck beginning at 2:00. Cones will be placed in parking lot for the book truck.

Set up for book sale begins Friday at 12:30; Eileen will coordinate with volunteers. Colleen plans to enlist four KHS Key Club members.

Little Free Libraries: Eileen reported both libraries have been visited frequently and many books have been taken out.

Conway Pines Little Free Library: Dotty Blake stocked the books in Pat's absence.

DFAC: Cindy reported that both the Chef's Bistro and 99 Restaurant fundraisers were successful and both businesses were very supportive of the library and are looking forward to future fundraising for the library. Total proceeds will be forthcoming. 99 suggested a Fall DFAC with a Friends raffle basket on display one week prior to event. Cindy will make up a raffle basket. Librarians will put the 99 coupons in books as they are checked out. The Flatbread fundraiser is all set for Tuesday, August 29th.

Programming: Responding to inquiries, Shirley noted that the Friends have the option of providing two Humanities programs and the Library also has the option of offering two Humanities programs per year. Friends may choose to collaborate with Library programming staff on one or both Humanities grants available to the Friends. The Friends 2017 annual meeting program is a Humanities grant program. Shirley noted that the checks are provided to the presenter on the night of the presentation.

Tessa noted the Library is offering a Humanities Council program *The History of NE Quilts and the Stories They Tell* through the Friends on Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 6:00 pm.

Old Business:

The book *Gardenista* has a bookplate in Connie's memory and is available for check out.

One Book One Valley Choice for October is *The One in a Million Boy* by Maine author Monica Wood. Program to take place at Kennett High School.

Trustee Report: Trustee Liaison Lucy Philbrick absent; report provided by David. Trustees have formed a parking committee to study ideas for improving library parking. One future possible solution is if the Town Offices move to the Bank of New Hampshire site - a site currently being considered by the Town - then parking there would be public and could be used by library patrons.

Trustees are also looking into ways to increase our school/ library collaborations.

New Business:

Fundraiser for Kimball Fund: Tessa reported she and Tara have planned a presentation by the Huntress Bridge Band on in July as a fundraiser for the Agnes Kimball Foundation.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm by Anne. Unanimous vote for motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Kucera

Important Dates to Remember:

- Next Meeting: August 16th, 2017 at 3:45
- Book Sale: Saturday, August 29th 9-2 followed by breaking down.
- DFAC at Flatbread: Tuesday, August 29th.
- ANNUAL MEETING: September 20th, "A Walk back in Time, Cellar Holes" . Annual Meeting at 6:00 and Program at 6:30.

