

Friends of Dover Free Library Meeting Wednesday, January 14th, 2009, in the DFL Community Room

Present: Judy LaFiura, Marcy McElroy, Pat Bowen (and Nora), Judy Overton-Jones, John Flores, Judy Jones, Patti Buck

The minutes of the November 12th meeting were accepted. There was no December meeting.

Financial Report: Treasurer, Pat Bowen, reported that as of January 13, 2009, the total Friends' assets figure is \$2,436.71 and that all debts to date are paid. This includes the proceeds from the December 4th Holiday Boutique which were \$1,121.00. A discussion of the HB ensued.

Volunteer Report: DFL Director, John Flores, thanked the Friends for their dedicated assistance during 2008. He stated that volunteers are still needed for library tasks. He hopes that there may be representation in support of the DFL at this year's Town Meeting. Regarding the 2009 summer he stated that given the current financial situation, programs such as those of the Vermont Council of the Humanities, which were once free, may be compromised. Historically during times of economic downturn, people seek out their local libraries. He expects that this could be the situation this year. Given this, John would like DFL to offer more educational programs to the community.

Events and Programs:

Holiday Boutique- The monetary success of this event, \$1,121, was noted. Judy Overton-Jones, Carol Lucas and Friends who worked on this event were commended. Judy Overton-Jones volunteered to chair next year's event and several Friends offered their support. Suggestions for HB 2009 included:

- 1) take note of the items which tended to draw interest,
- 2) keep track of the money spent on creating the items,
- 3) take half of this year's HB earnings and invest in materials for next year's event,
- 4) those making items should keep expenditure receipts, 5) items to be donated might be reviewed/ approved in advance,
- 6) evaluate further the Silent Auction items, 7) use photos of this year's event in advertising for 2009's HB,
- 8) reevaluate placing flyers on area bulletin boards- word of mouth with friends and groups might better serve the effort,
- 9) advertise the HB with photo via the Chamber of Commerce website a week in advance of event,
- 10) upcoming events should be announced at each DFL event- i.e. Holiday Boutique and Dover Day Book Sale promoted at the August Dessert Social.

Valentine Fund Raiser- Judy L. will contact Friends not present in this meeting to see if they would be willing to chair another Thirsty Thursday event at the West Dover Inn. Judy Jones again volunteered to provide a basket and wrapping.

Fundraising Goals and Ideas:

Talks/Lectures- Discussed was the idea to offer talks/lectures given by experts in various fields such as nature, education, adventure; feature documentaries with follow-up discussion such as the recent one in Brattleboro on Nobel Peace Prize winner, Wangari Maathai (work in Kenya- tree-planting), gardening lectures- i.e. Ron Krupp

Book Sale- A plan to offer a book sale other than the Dover Day event was proposed. Books from the foyer display would be available at reasonable prices.

Other Business:

Bicentennial- Judy Jones, who is on the town's Bicentennial committee asked what involvement the Friends might have regarding this October 2010 event. There will be two days of events, including a parade. She asked if FoDFL might be interested in sponsoring a community breakfast fundraiser at the Dover Town Hall. She offered to chair this event. Much discussion will be needed regarding organization and assistance from Friends will be required. All present agreed that this would be doable and a good way to interact with the community. Involvement in the parade was also discussed. Pat will ask Ben Bowen about use of his flatbed truck. Committees will be formed to work on these segments of the Bicentennial.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next Friends meeting will take place Wednesday, February 11th, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Buck
FoDFL Secretary