

Friends of Dover Free Library Meeting
Wednesday, March 11th, 2009, in the DFL Community Room

Present: Pat Bowen (and Nora), John Flores, Barb Gillott, Judy Jones, Judy LaFiura, Carol Lucas, Marcy McElroy, MaryBeth McGovern

The minutes of the February 11th meeting were accepted as edited.

Financial Report: Treasurer Pat Bowen reported the current assets to be \$2,338.81, as of March 10, 2009.

Volunteer Report: DFL Director John Flores reported that volunteers are still needed to work in the Library. Currently, Tamara is working on scheduling for the children's summer program, including a return of the popular Mad Science program. John circulated a recently donated book about children and gardening. The Library staff will send a note of thanks to the donors. John also distributed July and August pages for the annual DFL calendar.

Events and Programs:

I. Dover Bicentennial

A. With much enthusiasm and attention to detail, Co-chairs Judy Jones and Mary Beth McGovern presented specific ideas about the funding and functioning needed for the Library's Parade Float and Sunday Breakfast.

B. Funding

- 1.) Donations of food, etc. for the Breakfast will be requested from Dover businesses.
- 2.) Funds from the \$20,000 granted at the 2009 Town Meeting will be requested from the Bicentennial Committee.
- 3.) A 50/50 raffle may be held at the Breakfast for additional funding.

C. Functioning

1.) Breakfast

- a.) Because of the church service following the Breakfast, many helpers will be required for the logistics, etc. of both events.
- b.) Sixth, and possibly fifth, grade students from Dover Elementary School will be requested to help set up, serve, clean up, etc. in exchange for a contribution to their 6th Grade Trip.
- c.) All DFL staff, Trustees, and Friends will be contacted to volunteer time to help set up, serve, and clean up, etc.

2.) Parade Float

- a.) Nanci McLean has volunteered her talents to design the Float.
- b.) Contributions for the use of an appropriate vehicle, building materials, time and effort for construction work, etc. will be needed.
- c.) All DFL Staff, Trustees, and Friends will be contacted to volunteer assistance with the project.

II. Dessert with the Author (aka Dessert Social)

We now have this great, new, proposed title for this event, so now we need a chair-person or 2 co-chairs for it !

Other Business: Fundraiser Ideas Committee

- I.) Carol Lucas presented and reviewed her comprehensive, interesting, diverse, and well-organized list of ideas.
 - A.) Discussion ensued regarding the Friends and Trustees interest in promoting the value of the DFL as a cultural center in Dover.
 - B.) Carol suggested that the FoDFL start "small" by doing a selection of events/activities which would be short-termed and free of charge.
 - C.) Carol and Cheryl Morrison, will send a questionnaire to all Friends to poll them about their interest level for specific list items.
 - D.) All present agreed that Judy O.J.'S recommendation of the Vance Hosford lecture with home models be pursued.
- II.) Fundraising Goals/Purposes
 - A.) Judy LaFiura is committed to ensuring that specific goals and purposes for fundraising be established prior to conducting any fundraiser.
 - B.) Nanci McLean and Tamara have suggested an aeration pump for the pond in the Children's Garden for a fundraising purpose.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy LaFiura, substituting for Patti Buck, Secretary

The next FoDFL meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the DFL Community Room. All are welcome.