

Friends of Dover Free Library Meeting
Wednesday, May 13th, 2009, at 9:30 in DFL Community Room

Present: Judy LaFiura, Carol Lucas, Pat Bowen, Judy Jones,
Mary Beth McGovern, Barbara Gillott, Marcy McElroy,
Meredith Anton, Patti Buck

The minutes of the April 8th meeting were accepted.

Financial Report: Treasurer, Pat Bowen, reported that the discrepancy noted in last month's statement has been reconciled. The current balance of \$2,552.31 includes a deposit of \$178.50 on 3/19/09. This amount had not been identified. After discussion it was determined that this money represented late payment for Holiday Boutique items. Pat will book it as such and submit a current P&L at the next FoDFL meeting reflecting this deposit.

There were two donation requests discussed:

- 1) Children's Librarian, Tamara Hamm, asked if the Friends would sponsor (\$390) or co-sponsor (\$195) for the Children's Library summer program. This program is seen as a real asset to the community and therefore the full \$390 will be covered.

- 2) Assistant Librarian, Nancie McClean, presented a plan to refurbish the garden at the Library's front entrance to resemble a zen gravel garden. She has researched specific plants and costs and feels that with some donated gravel and stones, the cost should not exceed \$100. The Friends agreed to fund this expense and thanked Nancie for her effort.

Volunteer Report: DFL Director, John Flores, was not available to make the monthly report.

Events and Programs:

I. Dover Bicentennial Update-

A. Breakfast- Co-chairs, Judy Jones and Mary Beth McGovern reported that the cook at the Dover Elementary School has volunteered to oversee the community breakfast which the Friends will sponsor on Sunday, October 3, 2010. He will come up with a great menu and has access to bulk-purchasing which will cut down on expenses.

B. Parade- Judy and Mary Beth spoke of the Friends' plan to sponsor a float for the parade that is being organized for Saturday, October 2, 2010. They asked that someone volunteer to chair this portion of the program. Nancie McClean will offer ideas for the actual float design. DFL's theme for this event will be "The Library: The Cultural Center of Dover."

Volunteers are needed to assist with this event.

C. Coordination- Judy LaFiura and Judy Jones will attend the May 20th DFL Trustee meeting to coordinate efforts for the Library's Bicentennial involvement.

II. Dessert with the Author- This year's speaker will be Thomas A. Middleton whose new book, Saber's Edge, is due out soon. This event will take place on Thursday, August 6th at 7 p.m. Barb Gillott volunteered to co-chair this with Patti Buck. They will meet on May 18th to formulate a plan and designate tasks for volunteers.

III. Vance Hosford Program- Judy Overton Jones will ask Vance to come up with two dates in July which might work for his talk on architecture. The Town Hall will be booked and advertising arranged as soon as a date is selected.

IV. Children's Garden- Chairperson, Meredith Anton, reported that she would like to see the garden reflect this year's Children's Library theme "Creativity in Your Library." To this end she plans to offer another rock painting activity along with the making of story book figures, perhaps from recyclables. Planting another vegetable garden is being considered as is a "bean teepee" in the circle area, perhaps to be accented with morning glories. Another possibility is a frog sanctuary with frog figurines which she hopes may be donated. Meredith welcomes any plant and pot donations and asks if the Friends might be able to fund part of this summer project. Pat Bowen suggested a cap of \$150. The Friends agreed and thanked Meredith for her effort.

Other Business:

I. Dover Day Book Sale- This year's Dover Day will be Saturday, September 26th at the Town Hall. Discussion of Library's involvement in this event will take place at the June meeting.

II. Fundraising Ideas Committee Report- Co-chair, Carol Lucas, asked that the Friends consider which projects on the list handed out at the last meeting might be of interest and worth pursuing. Given the number of activities already on the calendar, this will be revisited at a later date. All present agreed with Carol who believes that enrichment of the community should be a priority rather than enrichment of the Friends' coffer.

III. FoDFL Annual Meeting- According to the by-laws this event must take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the closing of the fiscal year which ends June 30th. Thus, this year's Annual Meeting will take place Wednesday, July 8th at 9:30 a.m. in the DFL Community Room. Judy L. will see that notices for this are in the papers the required two weeks prior.

IV. Meeting Time- The 9:30 meeting time is questioned. Some Friends prefer the morning hour and some a meeting time later in the day. This will be brought up for reconsideration at a future date.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next FoDFL meeting will be Wednesday, June 10th at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Buck
FoDFL Secretary