

Friends of Dover Free Library Meeting
Wednesday, June 10th, 2009, at 9:30 in DFL Community Room

Present: Judy LaFiura, Connie Wisse, Judy Overton-Jones, Mary Beth McGovern, Judy Jones, Cheryl Morrison, Marcy McElroy, Barbara Gillott, Angela Power, Pat Bowen, John Flores, Patti Buck

Acceptance of May 13th Minutes: The May minutes were accepted.

Financial Report:

I. Friends' by-law amendment- Pat Bowen, FoDFL Treasurer, accepted the invoice presented by Judy L. for the \$6 expense paid to the *Brattleboro Reformer* to have the Annual Meeting notice placed in last week's legal notice section. Pat suggested that the by-laws be amended so that such future notices need not be required.

II. Balance and Profit/Loss statements- Pat passed out balance and profit/loss sheets for the Friends' fiscal year, July 2008-June 2009. A total of \$1,661.85 was made from this year's Dover Day Book Sale and Holiday Boutique fundraisers. The current bank balance is \$2,473.15.

III. Children's Summer Programs- Judy L. shared a note of thanks received from Children's Librarian, Tamara Hamm, for the two programs sponsored by FoDFL.

Volunteer Report:

Library Director, John Flores, reported that the DFL is continually busy now. Summer folks are returning and the computer stations are in near-constant demand; the free Wi-Fi access is a plus. John reported also that 18,000 books were in circulation last year. Tamara's baby-sitting July workshop is completely full and he is looking forward to the July 8th beginning of the summer book discussions led by Richard Wizansky. The books for this summer's session are now available for check out at the library. Volunteers are still needed, especially in the area of computer assistance and with the Keith Newell golf talk on August 12th. John commented that he would like to see the wording on the "Dessert With the Author" poster which Nancie McLean is making for the August 6th event reflect that while the Friends are not directly sponsoring the event they are actively working in support of it. John is trying to arrange a radio interview with this year's speaker, Thomas A. Middleton.

Events and Programs:

I. Vance Hosford- Chair for this event, Judy Overton-Jones, reported about this event to be held on Tuesday, July 7th at 7 p.m. at the Dover Town Hall. DFL's summer program calendars and a donation box will be made available. Posters were distributed and Friends were asked to post them locally. Cheryl and Judy O-J will send out an email blast to FoDFL and others with their own email lists are asked to advertise this event. Currently advertising for this can be found on the Chamber of Commerce website. Angela will make a board sign to be placed at the Dover Hill Rd./Holland Rd.

II. Dover 2010 Bicentennial- On May 20th event co-chair, Judy Jones, and Friends chair, Judy LaFiura, attended the DFL Trustee meeting to suggest that the Library's involvement in this event be a collaborative effort. Judy L. and July J. will attend the next Trustee meeting to ask if a Trustee might be willing to serve as chair for the organization of the DFL float to be featured in the Bicentennial parade. Nancie McLean spoke to the Friends about ideas she has for a float design. Friends Bicentennial co-chairs, Mary Beth McGovern and Judy Jones, reported that a flatbed and pulling vehicle have been procured; a chef for the Sunday morning breakfast being sponsored by the FoDFL has been found. Food donations will be sought with all net proceeds going to the FoDFL. The possibility of Dover Elementary School's 5th and 6th grades assisting will necessitate a percentage of the net going to them. A 50-50 raffle to augment the proceeds of this fundraiser was also suggested.

III. Dessert With the Author- Co-chairs, Barb Gillott and Patti Buck, reported that progress is being made toward the success of this August 6th event featuring author Thomas A. Middleton. Volunteers who will call local inns, restaurants and individuals have been contacted. Nancie McLean's poster for this event will be made available to these volunteers to assist them in explaining this year's speaker and his topic. Patti sent volunteer instructions and information about the author by email. Angela shared the small poster along with a condensed version of "about the author" and instructions she had made for places she will be contacting. Barb will be making a standard info card to be displayed with each donated dessert.

Other Business:

I. FoDFL Annual Meeting- The next Friends meeting on July 8th will serve as the Annual Meeting the purpose of which is to elect Officers and Directors for 2009-2010 and to receive the year end fiscal report. Volunteer and FoDFL event/program reports will be given and loose ends of the year will be tied up.

II. 2009 Dover Day Book Sale- This event will be held on Saturday, September 26th. Weather permitting the book sale will take place under the tent to be erected in front of the Town Hall.

III. Advertising of FoDFL and DFL programs- Barb Gillott passed around the Wardsboro info sheet which was mailed to their community. In it events sponsored by the Wardsboro Friends' organization were explained. She recommended that FoDFL consider using a similar model in promoting their events and programs.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

The next Friends meeting, **the Annual Meeting, will take place in the DFL Community Room on Wednesday, July 8th.** This meeting has been posted on local websites and in local newspapers.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Buck, FoDFL Secretary