

Friends of Dover Free Library Meeting
Wednesday, November 14th, 2007- 9 A.M. in the DFL Community Room

Present: Lisa Coneeny, Valerie Kaufman, John Flores, Judy Overton-Jones, Marcy McElroy, Carol Lucas, Cheryl Morrison, Barbara Gillott, Marge Thurber, Judy Lafiura, Connie Wisse, Patti Buck

Financial Report: None given as Treasurer, Pat Bowen, was not in attendance.

Volunteer Report: Cheryl has been calling each volunteer to see if they are still interested and if so in which area(s) might they best offer assistance. Basically we need more Friends and if anyone knows of someone interested, please let Cheryl know. She would like to see a prominent recruiting display at Festival of Trees and Wreaths, more word-of-mouth recruiting and posters advertising specific needs. Some prefer baking for events only and others prefer projects they can do at home- i.e. book-mending, making of wreaths. She was happy to report that Amiee Pritcher has volunteered to co-chair the garden project. Margaret Stearns is doing an excellent job maintaining the DFL web site and Hillary Twining's contributions are most appreciated. It is felt that DFL has one of the best web sites in the community. Carol suggested that seasonal volunteers be delineated according to their summer vs. winter availability. Patti suggested that Nancie McLean's list of specific library needs be given to Cheryl. Cheryl was commended for her steadfast effort regarding DFL volunteers.

John asks that all volunteer hours be recorded in the book provided for this purpose. The annual number of hours is given to the State and is an indicator of community support for the library.

Upcoming Activities:

A. Festival of Trees and Wreaths- Tonight (5:30 to 7 P.M.) marks the opening of the this event. Carol and Judy O-J who have worked hard to organize this event explained the minimum increment and absolute price system and said that raffle tickets will be sold seven for \$5.00. "Small gift" items will be offered on a "cash and carry" basis and may be taken on the spot. John has asked a reporter to come to the opening. Valerie suggested Pam Horowitz of the Deerfield Valley News might be asked to report regularly on DFL events. Judy O-J said that Yankee Magazine publicizes events; editors can be reached by e-mail, but year-in-advance notice must be given.

John relayed news that the library is now a member of the Mount Snow Valley Chamber of Commerce and we can now post our events on this site. All notices of events must reach the C of C by Wednesday 3 P.M. for a Thursday posting. All notices to be posted should go through John. There was a question as to who is on their e-mail blast list.

Cheryl said that a publicity committee is needed; flyers and distribution should be better organized- who is posting what and where. Computer-generated posters can be sent to Cheryl; PDF is an acceptable format. John said that the library has a staple gun to help with poster placement.

B. Book Sales- John will ask Pat how much was made at the Dover Day book sale. Left over books are stored at both Judy L's and Angela P's homes. Judy suggested that some might go to the Brattleboro VA Hospital, the children's ward at Brattleboro Hospital, for sale at Twice Blessed and in January some could go to Newfane Library for their annual sale. John said that several publishers donate new books on a regular basis. He also explained that from November 23 to December 26th the annual Adopt-A-Book program will be underway. Last year \$600 was made and he is hopeful that this might be surpassed this year. During this time the new books up for adoption will be displayed in the new book section of the library. A "baby sticker" will be placed in each book and the person who chooses to adopt it, paying 40% of the purchase price) will get to check it out first. A notice of this project has been sent to both the Deerfield Valley News and to the Brattleboro Reformer.

C. There will be no other upcoming events for the foreseeable future.

Note: Valerie asked where exactly the money from these events is going. John suggested that money made on Friends' events might go toward a tool and general storage shed. Carol suggested that a wish list of things needed might be generated at the January meeting. Lisa asked if we are keeping a list of donors and that perhaps we should work toward a solicitation list, a list of people we can call on for a donation. She commented that all money made at Friends-sponsored events goes toward the needs of DFL.

New Ideas: Lisa said that her partner Leslie's husband gives dance lessons. FODFL, Ray Warren, does as well. Valerie suggested that perhaps a Valentine Dance might be a good fund-raiser. Lisa will begin a search for fund-raising projects which could bring in money in various categories- ex. under \$100, \$100 - \$500 and up.

The next Friends of Dover Free Library meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12th at 9 A.M. in the Community Room. As Lisa will not be available, Vice Chairperson, Judy Overton-Jones will prepare the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Buck
Friends' Secretary