

**Friends of DoverFree Library Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 9th, 2008, 9 A.M. in the DFLCommunity Room**

Present: Connie Wisse, Carol Lucas, Barbara Gillott, John Flores, Marcy McElroy, Judy Jones, Valerie Kaufman, Pat Bowen, Carla Tousey, Patti Buck

Connie opened the meeting and introduced new members Judy Jones and Carla Tousey; Carla joined Friends previously, but is now better able to become more active. New member Arlene Terrier was unable to attend.

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes: The November 14th, '07 minutes were not available. To refresh our memories, and for the benefit of new members, Patti will resend them. The December meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

Financial report: Pat presented the Profit and Loss statement January through December 2006 (net income \$624) and the Profit and Loss statement January through December 2007 (\$2,269.20). She explained that the tax exempt status for the FoDFL is fine. She has received nothing from the IRS; certification will not be finalized until a Friends brochure explaining the organization is presented. Barbara and Carol will put together a brochure; a DFL brochure is currently available. A question arose as to why the Annual Dessert Social is on the 2007 Profit and Loss statement, but not the 2006 statement. John explained that it was during 2007 that this event was put into the Friends' hands. Prior to that the library had organized it. A motion to accept the Financial Report was made and seconded.

Volunteer Report: John stated that more volunteer effort is needed at the library. Tamara addressed the Friends to thank them for their help with the December 15th Santa's Workshop. Given the success of this event, due in part to the support given by Friends, she would like to offer a similar event next year.

-When asked about the Easter Basket event Tamara said that this may not take place this year. She is considering a different type of fund-raiser.

-Pat and others commended Tamara on the success of the Wednesday children's program. Her ingenuity and enthusiasm is a boon for the library and the community.

-It was suggested that Cheryl, who has done a wonderful job of recruiting volunteers for specific needs, might put out a request to Friends for volunteer reading to the children.

-Regarding Board positions, Connie announced that Judy Overton-Jones will be stepping down from the Board, but will, other than heading committees, continue her volunteer efforts.

Upcoming Events:

Barbara and Carla mentioned that offering an item for raffle during one of the West Dover Inn's Thirsty Thursday nights might serve as a good fund-raiser. These events raise money for local needs such as the fuel fund. As Valentine's Day is on a Thursday this year, it was suggested that offering a basket of Valentine specialties might work well. New member, Judy Jones, offered to purchase a large basket and provide the stuffing and other Friends volunteered to contribute various items such as champagne, candy, a book related to the theme of love, homemade heart-shaped soap, dinners for two and other goods related to Valentine's Day. All items should be donated by Wednesday, January 30th. If enough items are collected, two baskets might be possible. Valerie also has a basket if needed. Assuming that Barbara and Carla get permission from the West Dover Inn, we will proceed with this event. Raffle tickets will be offered: \$1 each or \$5 for 7. Carol will make sure that we have enough

tickets available to Friends so that they can be offered for sale soon. Carol and Barbara volunteered to organize it with Carla and Judy (J.) offering to assist it pulling it all together. Cheryl will be contacted to put out a notice to volunteers in the hope that others might contribute items. The basket will be on display at the library as of February 1st and patrons may purchase raffle tickets until the drawing at the West Dover Inn on Valentine's Day. Janet will be asked to put out a press release re this and it is hoped that the WD Inn will advertise it as part of their weekly write up in the Deerfield Valley News.

- Carol will check with Judy Overton-Jones regarding a Spring talk from gardener Chris Keefe.

-While the December Festival of Trees and Wreaths was a huge success, concern was expressed that it fell on the efforts of a few. Judy O-J put in a tremendous amount of time collecting items and sponsoring workshops for the making of the items for both the silent auction and the raffle. The expense was both personal and financial. Carol said that more assistance from Friends is needed. She volunteered to head up the committee for next year's Festival of Trees and Wreaths; Connie will co-chair the event. Connie suggested that a steering committee be organized. Cheryl will be contacted about sending an email to Friends.

- Connie will contact Judy Lafiura to bring in information regarding a future Antique Road Show.

- Connie will contact Judy O-J regarding the possibility of a Spring garden lecture.

- Patti will contact Meredith Anton and Amiee Pritcher about attending a Spring Friends' meeting to discuss the children's garden.

Fund-raising and fund designation: Carol asked that per Angela Anstatt Power's suggestion at a previous meeting we begin to target specific library needs. John was asked to put together a wish list for the February meeting; Tamara will be included in this. The need for a shed for the library's garden equipment was one suggestion.

- Patti will call the Vermont Welcome Center about the possibility of DFLsponsoring a Fall baked goods sale.

- Patti will speak to John about the possibility of purchasing an item from The Great Courses program which might serve the community.

Other: John would like to have the table cloth material which Judy O-J purchased cut to size for events at the Dover Town Hall. This would ease the storage space problem. Barbara has a cutter and she and Carol will arrange for this to take place. Patti will provide the table dimensions.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:40. The next Friends meeting is Wednesday, February 13th at 9 A.M.

### **Amendment to the January 9th Meeting**

(See minutes of meeting, February 20, 2008)

The January 9th minutes should reflect that the proposed Friends brochure would not only benefit dealings with the IRS but also with future donors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Buck  
FofDFLSecretary