

Friends of Dover Free Library Meeting Wednesday, March 12th, 2008 in the DFL Community Room

Present: Lisa Coneeny, Pat Bowen (and Nora), Connie Wisse, Judy LaFiura, Judy Jones, Amiee Pritcher, Valerie Kaufman, Barbara Gillott, Meredith Anton, John Flores, Patti Buck

New members: FoDFL welcomed Amiee Pritcher and Meredith Anton.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 20th meeting were accepted.

Financial report:

- Treasurer, Pat Bowen, reported that as of February 29th the Friends account contains \$3,643.60. This figure includes the \$707 made from the Valentine event and the January/February book sales.

- Pat also reported that the Friends has received its 501c3 and its nonprofit status is now official.

- As future donors may wish to give on a matching-fund basis, a brochure featuring a write-up about the FoDFL is required. Barbara and Carol will put this together. Lisa suggested that this brochure include a "tear off" for potential volunteer sign ups.

- The topic of a storage shed was raised as Judy Jones, who will donate the cement support slab for this structure, wished to know the amount of money available for this project. Given cost and durability it was decided that a prefab shed is best. Judy J. and Barbara agreed to get price and size options from W&W Building Supply and Home Center and have this information available at the next Friends meeting where a final decision will be made. This structure should be no larger than 100 sq. ft. (to avoid need for a permit) and will sit on a frost free cement pad (Judy Jones will supply the cement mixer). Preferably it will be pre-stained and as maintenance-free as possible; its purpose is the storage of garden tools, hose and other library materials.

Volunteer Report:

A. Volunteer availability and interests- John reported that more volunteers are needed to assist with weekly library work. Tamara currently has enough volunteers for her children's program.

B. Positions filled- FoDFL is most pleased that Meredith and Amiee have volunteered to head up the library garden committee with Nancie McLean assisting. One pressing need is the purchase of alphabet letters for the garden; these will be ordered.

C. Volunteer needs- John stated that currently a volunteer is needed to organize the video library.

Events & Programs:

A. Garden lectures- Connie will call Judy Overton-Jones to discuss a date (April?) for Chris Keefe's talk on rock gardens and Karen Wheeler's offer of a talk at the Newfane Nursery, perhaps in May. Lisa will speak to Janet Boyd about the possibility of a Fall pruning workshop. Friends felt that summer is not a good time for such talks as gardening is already under way. Connie commented that publicity is needed for these events. Pat will speak to Janet who returns in early April. Barb will again use her Bobette and Chicks on Sticks connections to generate support.

B. Dessert Social- The date for this fund-raiser is Thursday August 7th and it will once again be held at the Dover Town Hall. Noted author John Perkins will speak and it is hoped that a large crowd will again be drawn. Connie will chair this event with Patti as co-chair. An organizational meeting will be called. Barb and Carol will cut the table cloths which Judy O-J and Angela Power purchased. Pat will once again oversee the book sale table where Perkins' books, including his latest, The Secret History of the American Empire, will be sold. Suggested donations were discussed.

C. August Dance- Valerie has begun organization of this event which will take place at the Dover Town Hall on Saturday, August 2nd. She has been in touch with Michael Rodriquez who has, in the past, offered dance lessons and then donated money made to non-profits. He plans to do the same for the FoDFL. Michael has frequently worked with local dancer and DFL Friend, Ray Warren, and they may partner again for this event which will be known as "Summer Fling". Posters might include envelopes with invitation cards to take home. Valerie feels that Michael's expertise with such events will ensure a successful evening. More information will be available at the next FoDFL meeting.

Other Business:

A. Expenditures Committee- Our first use of money raised is for the garden shed. The Friends thank Carol Lucas for volunteering to serve on the committee for future expenditure decisions. A volunteer chair person is needed.

B. Vacant board positions- Earlier in the week Lisa formally announced her decision to leave the Board due to both professional and personal obligations. Judy Overton-Jones likewise informed the Friends of her departure from the Board. The FoDFL thanks them for their hard work and dedication to this fledgling organization. Their ideas and enthusiasm were instrumental in the formation of the Friends of Dover Free Library. Both have offered to continue their volunteer efforts in support of FoDFL and for this we are most grateful.

We are happy to report that successors have been voted in and the new Friends Board is as follows:

Chair- Judy LaFiura
Vice-Chair- Connie Wisse
Secretary- Patti Buck
Treasurer- Pat Bowen
Angela Anstatt-Power
Marcy McElroy
Barbara Gillott
John Flores

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:40. The next Friends meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9th at 9 A.M. in the DFL Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Buck
FoDFL Secretary