

Friends of Dover Free Library Meeting Wednesday, April 9th, 2008 in the DFL Community Room

Present: Judy LaFiura, Connie Wisse, Carol Lucas, Lisa Coneeny, Amiee Pritcher, Pat Bowen, Marcy McElroy, Meredith Anton, Valerie Kaufman, John Flores, Patti Buck

Minutes: Two amendments to the March minutes were made: 1) Angela Power was an equal contributor, along with Judy Overton-Jones, to the purchase of table cloths for DFL events and 2) if a committee were to be formed for deciding how FoDFL funds are to be spent, Carol Lucas is willing to be on this committee, but not head of it.

Financial Report: Treasurer, Pat Bowen, said that no banking transaction has taken place since her last report. The Friends account contains \$3643.60; another \$20.02 from the ongoing sale of books can now be added bringing the total to \$3663.62.

Volunteer Report: There was not a great deal to report regarding volunteers and the meeting progressed directly to events and programs.

Events and Programs:

A. Poetry Day - John reminded the Friends that Saturday, April 12th is DFL's Poetry Day and that all are invited to bring some poetry to share.

B. National Library Week is April 13th-19th. Monday, April 14th from 4 to 8 P.M. an Open House will be held featuring Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson for musical entertainment, refreshments will be served and a free door prize, a \$100 gift certificate to Deerhill Inn, will be offered. Friends and all others are cordially invited.

C. Special after-school program- On Wednesday, April 16th from 3:30 to 5 P.M. Noted children's author and illustrator, John Steven Gurney, will be at DFL. All are welcome.

D. Spanish Club- John would like to see this program restart. A few Friends expressed interest in this club and suggestions were made for how it might be advertised.

E. Garden Talks- Connie learned from garden talk coordinator, Judy Overton-Jones, that three events are scheduled. On Wed., May 14th in the DFL Community Room Chris Keefe will speak about the use of rocks in the garden. On Wed., June 18th Karen Wheeler will speak at the Newfane Greenhouse and Nursery about sun and shade gardens, and on Wed., July 16th, Chris Darrow will speak about daylilies. Included in this talk will be the method for dividing these lilies. This will take place on site at Olallie Daylily Farm. All talks will begin at 5:30 P.M. Janet Kierys has volunteered to oversee the advertising of these events. Friends are most grateful for Judy and Janet's efforts regarding this fun and informative program.

F. Summer Fling Dance- Judy L., Valerie and Lisa have been in touch with Michael Rodriquez regarding this August 2nd event. Judy put together a dance format sheet including costs and responsibilities; Lisa, most recently in touch with Michael (Ray Warren and he are partners in this event), presented an update regarding this. Valerie compiled a list of people who can donate to the proposed silent auction. Advertising was discussed and under consideration is a post card which would be mailed locally. Cards used by Michael Rodriquez and Ray Warren for their past events were shared. Such a card could be expanded into poster size. A raffle may also be included. Connie moved that a committee be formed. Lisa, Valerie and Judy L. will meet with Michael regarding specifics of the event. Several suggestions were made as to the expenses involved and these will be reported and discussed at the next meeting.

G. Dessert Social with speaker, John Perkins, Thursday, August 7th- Connie, Chair of this event, handed out a list of local establishments which have contributed desserts in the past. In early summer these contributors will be contacted with recontact made just prior to the event. The committee responsibility chart will be filled out at the June Friends' meeting. Once again Janet Kierys has volunteered to handle the publicity and Nancie McLean will create the poster. Many thanks to both.

Other Business:

A. Calendar of Events- Several events are scheduled and as she did last year, Connie circulated summer event calendars for use by Friends. The purpose is to easily keep tabs on the event schedule and the individual obligations of Friends regarding these.

B. Meeting time- A possible change in meeting time was discussed. Most in attendance preferred an early meeting, but to better accommodate those who find 9 A.M. a bit early the Friends' new meeting time, beginning May 14th, will be 9:30.

C. Children's Garden- As the winter snow is at last waning both Amiee and Meredith will meet soon to discuss a garden plan.

D. Garden Shed- Judy Jones and Barbara Gillott were unable to attend this meeting, but did prepare a well-researched information packet for the consideration of John and the Friends'. Everyone is most appreciative of their extensive efforts. Given that snow is still present Friends feel that there is no urgency in the purchase. This will be discussed at the May meeting.

Adjournment: As there was much to discuss regarding the August dance, the meeting ran later than usual adjourning at 10:50. The next Friends' meeting will be held in the DFL Community Room on Wednesday, May 14th at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Buck
FoDFL Secretary