

## **Friends of Dover Free Library Meeting Wednesday, June 11th, 2008 in the DFL Community Room**

**Present:** Judy La Fiura, Judy Jones, Marcy McElroy, Barbara Gillott, Valerie Kaufman, Angela A. Power, Cheryl Morrison, Pat Bowen, John Flores, Patti Buck

Volunteer coordinator, Cheryl Morrison, was welcomed back and thanked for her continuing effort regarding volunteers for the library; her email blasts from both East Dover and her work station in NYC are most appreciated.

**Minutes of May 14th Meeting:** The minutes were accepted.

**Dance Follow-Up:** To correct misinformation about the cancellation of the Aug. 2nd dance, Judy L. passed out a letter, dated Apr. 20, from Lisa Coneeny. It stated that Michael Rodriguez and Ray Warren could not wait until the Friends could vote on May 14th about whether to hold the dance and had decided to do it with Deerfield Valley Cares, which Valerie K. stated she had contacted. John expressed sentiment that the Friends' Board should have been involved in the decision. Barbara suggested that if a critical situation arises in the future where a quick decision is needed that an impromptu meeting be called. A quorum of five Board members would be needed to make such a decision, but this is very doable. All agreed that a dance should be considered as a future fund-raising event.

**Financial Report:** Treasurer, Pat Bowen, reported that the DFL's fiscal year ends June 30th. As of June 9th the FoDFL balance is \$3,755.62. John said that to meet the annual amount required by the Town the DFL must raise \$5,550. He asked that if there was a short-fall, would the Friends step to the fore to cover the difference. At present \$264.98 is needed, but it is possible that this can be raised before the fiscal year ends.

### **Volunteer Report:**

A. John reported that two volunteers have left for the summer and help is needed on Wednesday and Friday. The video library, previously in need of volunteer effort, will be handled by John himself.

B. Cheryl expressed interest in revising the volunteer list. She will call those on the list to find out if they are still interested in being a DFL Friend and if so to what events might they be able to devote effort. Patti said that Connie has telephoned several Friends who are not regular attendees at meetings to solicit help for the Dessert Social. As a result most who were contacted will help with this event.

### **Events and Programs:**

A. Dessert Social on August 7th-

1) Chair of this event, Connie Wisse, was unable to attend the meeting. Co-Chair, Patti Buck, who met with her yesterday reported that nearly all committees are now formed. A few empty slots were filled by FoDFL members present at this meeting. Instructions for volunteers who will call both local inns and individual donors were made available. Connie will email this information to those who were not present.

2) Patti asked Friends present if they knew of a microphone system that might be available for this event. Radio Shack has a clip-on for \$49.95 and a cordless mic for \$79.95; both require an amplifier and speakers. Town Clerk, Andy McLean, will be called re a system which might be rented or borrowed and Circuit City will be contacted to see what might be available there.

3) Event author, John Perkins, will be housed at The Cooper Hill Inn and Judy Jones will invite him for dinner prior to the event.

4) John asked if the Friends had yet purchased a guest book for Library events. This could serve to bring in future Friends and volunteers.

5) Thanks again to Nancie McLean, DS posters are now available and Friends are asked to take a few for posting around the community.

B. Garden Lectures- Chair, Judy Overton-Jones, was unable to attend the meeting but asks that email blasts be sent out to keep the community apprised of the lectures on tap. Judy L. made posters available at the DFL front desk and invited Friends to post them. FoDFL remarked that Chris Keefe's talk about rocks in the garden on May 14th was a great success. The next talk will take place Wed., June 18th at the Newfane Nursery where Karen Wheeler will speak about perennial placement and garden arrangement in general. On July 16th Chris Darrow will speak at his Olallie Farm. Both events will take place at 5:30 p.m. A fourth garden lecture by Donnamarie Colasurdo is being planned for September.

C. Festival of Wreaths and Trees- Neither Chair, Judy O-J, nor Co-Chair, Carol Lucas, were available to speak directly about this event, but Judy L. relayed news from them. After July 4th workshops will begin. A volunteer is being sought for organizing these workshops. Materials are needed- from pine cones to cloth remnants, all items can be brought to the FoDFL July 9th meeting. Cheryl volunteered crocheted snowflakes and Judy Jones said that her daughter-in-law will contribute handmades for this event.

D. Future events- Ideally events and their dates should be scheduled a year in advance. If this is to happen more Friends' volunteers will be needed.

### **Other Business:**

A. Children's Garden- Chairs Meredith Anton and Amiee Pritcher were unable to attend the meeting. Meredith did write that she continues with her ideas and any assistance from FoDFL will be appreciated. John said that garden originator, Mary Jane Williams, came to the DFL from the Master Gardener/UVM Extension program and that he would contact them regarding assistance for DFL. Angela suggested that the DFL consider an inexpensive drip system which would ease the need for weekly watering most often done by volunteers.

B. Goal-setting committee- Judy L. suggested that such a committee be established.

C. Specific goals- The suggestion was made to prioritize goals according to how much Friends need to earn- a large undertaking such as a dance, or several smaller events.

**Meeting time:** All present agreed that the 9:30 time is not preferred and that meeting time should revert to 9 a.m. With this in mind, future meetings will take place at 9 a.m. and that those who prefer 9:30 should just come when they can. The next Friends' meeting will take place Wed., July 9th, at 9 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Buck  
FoDFL Secretary.