

Friends of Dover Free Library Meeting **Wednesday, September 10th, 2008, in the DFL Community Room**

Present: Pat Bowen, John Flores, Judy Jones, Janet Kierys, Carol Lucas, Judy LaFiura,
Marcy McElroy

Minutes of the previous meeting (July 9) were accepted after substitution of "Deerfield Valley Food Pantry" for "Brattleboro Coop" (source of cartons for Dover Day Book Sale).

Financial Report: Pat Bowen reported that the DoDFL account balance as of Sept. 9, 2008, is \$4,623.58.

Judy LaFiura requested that John Flores present, explain, and discuss the financial obligations of the FoDFL to the Library to enable a better understanding of the financial relationship between the FoDFL, the Library, and the town of Dover.

Resulting information:

1. Directed funds are donated by the Library to be used for operating expenses. The FoDFL raises these funds through the annual Dessert Social and ongoing sale of used books in the Library foyer.
2. FoDFL donations should be given to the Library on a schedule determined by the financial needs of the Library .

Questions raised, which Carol Lucas, a Library trustee, volunteered to discuss with the town at a Trustees' meeting:

1. Why does the Library have to raise a certain amount in addition to the town's allotment? Is this based on past history?
2. How can the gap between the end of one fiscal year (June 30) and the time when the town distributes money for the new fiscal year be bridged better?
3. When or how should the Friends distribute the directed funds from the Dessert Social, etc.?

The FoDFL voted to approve the additional reimbursement to Judy Jones for the cost of leveling the ground for the base of the Children's Garden shed and the subsequent additional landscaping.

Volunteer Report: Via email, Cheryl Morrison reported that she is continuing to update the Friends' membership list. She also offered to contact members about helping with the FoDFL Dover Day book sale.

Dessert Social: Connie Wisse and Patti Buck were recognized and thanked for the success of the Dessert Social. Reimbursement to Judy Jones for taking John Perkins to dinner is needed, as well as follow-up on whether the Wheelers have been thanked by note for hosting John Perkins overnight at their inn and Judy Jones for taking John Perkins to dinner.

Children's Garden: Judy Jones was recognized and thanked for her effort, time, and donation for the beautiful and high quality shed for the Children's Garden. Meredith Anton's additions and progress in the garden were also noted and appreciated. Judy LaFiura will contact her to check about additional needs she may have for it.

Garden Lectures: The last garden lecture will be conducted by Donnamarie Colasurdo at Newfane Nursery on Wed., Sept. 17, at 5:30 p.m.

Festival of Wreaths and Trees: Judy Overton-Jones's suggestion for the renaming of this event was unanimously approved by the FoDFL. Henceforth, it will be titled "**Holiday Boutique.**" Also unanimously approved for the Boutique were donations of a gift certificate and a home-cooked meal for the silent auction from the owners of a new general store, which will be next to the East Dover Post Office. Judy Jones was thanked for her donation of an electric, multi-function mower for auction at the Boutique. It was suggested that the mower have a minimum bid of at least \$300 in a Hidden Bid auction. The next Elves' Workshop will be at the library from 10:00 am - 12:00 am. on Thurs., Sept. 18.

Dover Day - Sept. 27 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm: All Friends at the meeting volunteered to participate in organizing books prior to set-up, organizing of cartons of books in the library the day before DD, set-up outdoors early a.m. of DD, and doing selling shifts and clean-up on DD.

Other Business: John suggested bi-annual promotional used book sales, eg, "Fill a Bag" Sale--\$10 per bag.

John suggested the FoDFL promote and fund interactive science programs (\$100 each).

Adjournment: 10:15 a.m. The next meeting will be on Wed., Oct. 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the DFL Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting secretaries for Patti Buck: Connie Wisse, Carol Lucas, Judy LaFiura