

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

**Present:** Judy LaFiura, Pat Bowen (and Nora), Carol Lucas, Connie Wisse, Marcy McElroy, John Flores, Judy Overton-Jones, Barbara Gillott, Patti Buck

The minutes of the October 8th meeting were accepted.

**Financial Report:** Treasurer, Pat Bowen, and Chair, Judy LaFiura, attended the October DFL Trustee meeting to better understand the role of the Friends' organization as it relates to the library. Minutes of the August 8th, 2006 Friends' meeting were referred to. As a result of discussion between Judy, Pat and the Trustees it was clear that it is the obligation of the Friends to relinquish proceeds from the Dessert Social and from sale of books in the library's foyer directly to the library on an annual basis. The proceeds from all other programs sponsored by the Friends (Garden Talks, Valentine Basket, Dover Day Book Sale, Holiday Boutique) will go into the Friends' account. Pat pointed out that over two years the Friends' organization has, retroactively, made \$1,505.11- \$1,037.50 from the Dessert Socials and \$467.61 from the ongoing foyer book sale. At today's meeting a check was presented to John for the total amount. It was made clear that the Friends is not obligated to raise a specific amount of money. Connie recommended that as our numbers are few we should be realistic about the stress that too many events can cause. All agreed with this premise.

**Volunteer Report:** John reported that volunteers are needed. At present, the library has three regulars and recently an elementary student is donating time as well. Also, the Adopt-a-Book program will begin after Thanksgiving. Tamara reported that the Mad Scientist event was a success; ten children were in attendance. She also announced that this year's Santa's Workshop will be held on Friday, December 19th from 4-6 p.m. Students get off the bus (at the library) at 3:30, and from 3:30 to 4, she plans to offer a snack before the event begins. Carol, Connie, Judy O-J volunteered to bake cookies and help with the craft portion of the program. Volunteers can preview the crafts to be offered prior to the event. It would be helpful if they could be present at 2:30 P.M. to set up tables and get crafts and snacks ready.

### **Events/Programs:**

**Holiday Boutique-** Unfortunately in spite of her timely submission, Janet Kierys' write-up did not make it into last week's Deerfield Valley News. We can expect it in the forthcoming issue. Posters were run off for distribution by Friends. Judy L. suggested personally handing them out to members of groups to which we belong. Items to be offered may be left at the library between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18th. During this time the tagging and displaying of our craft items will be done. Patti will coordinate refreshments to be donated by Friends for the November 19th opening event.

### **Other Business:**

**FoDFL By-laws-** After the October meeting with the Trustees, Judy L., Pat and Barb went through the Friends' by-laws. As the election of officers was missed at the June '08 meeting, it is postponed until the June '09 meeting. The minor changes they recommend have been written in a draft that will be discussed and approved at the December Friends' meeting.

**Town Bicentennial-** Dover's Bicentennial will take place in October 2010. Dover Select Board Chair, Linda Holland, suggested that the library begin thinking about this. Carol suggested that DFL's Trustees, Friends and the Library hold a joint meeting to discuss involvement in this major community event. Judy L. showed photos of a quilt made by her group in NJ. Each square represented an element of the community. This could be an idea for a raffle/fund-raiser. Time and cost involved will have to be researched. Another idea was an oral history night in conjunction with the Dover Historical Society. All ideas are welcomed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next Friends meeting will take place Wednesday, December 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Buck  
FoDFL Secretary