

Friends of Dover Free Library Meeting
Wednesday, November 11, 2009, in DFL Community Room

Present: Judy LaFiura, Pat Bowen, Kate Teitel, Mary Beth McGovern,
Judy Jones, Marcy McElroy, John Flores, Patti Buck

The minutes of the October 7th meeting were accepted.

Financial Report: Treasurer, Pat Bowen, passed out the FoDFL Balance Sheet; as of November 10th FoDFL total assets amount to \$2,141.61. The Profit and Loss statement for July 2009 through June 2010 showed that the total proceeds of the Dover Day Book Sale came to \$397.15; this information provided a clear result for this event.

Library Director's Report:

A. John Flores reported that this year's DFL Adopt-a-Book program will run from November 26th through December 31st. This applies to new books, DVDs and audio books which the public can "adopt"; The Children's Library will be offering this program separately.

B. John said that more library volunteers are needed; one left recently for the winter months, leaving only two regulars. Kate Teitel volunteered to assist and will speak to Nancie McLean about the tasks involved.

C. Library substitutes are likewise needed. This is a paid position- \$8.06/hour, Vermont's minimum wage.

D. John asked that the Friends move the boxes of books left over from the Dover Day Book Sale to the shed before it snows.

E. Finally, John reported that the Select Board approved the Library's 2009-2010 budget.

Events and Programs:

A. DFL Bicentennial Committee- Co-chairs, Judy Jones and Mary Beth McGovern reported that they are still working on the Bicentennial breakfast sponsored by the FoDFL to be held on Sunday, October 3, 2010, at the Town Hall. Judy thanked Judy L. for the detailed information she provided about what was involved in recent Rotary breakfasts. It has been determined that two electric griddles are needed; inquiries in the community will be made. The number of workers needed was also discussed. Mary Beth reported that they are trying to get good deals on food being purchased; she will consult with a few local businesses. She reported, also, that the Dover Elementary School's chef and his volunteers will assist with the food preparation. Judy L. suggested that Green Mountain Coffee might donate coffee and cups as they have been very generous to other organizations sponsoring events. Judy J. was informed that the Friends can front the money needed for pre-event purchases. Mary Beth asked if the Dover Elementary School's 6th grade might be involved in the event. A 50/50 raffle is being considered. As an ecumenical religious service will take place the same morning, the timing of the breakfast was discussed. Judy J. will bring this up at the next Bicentennial meeting and report the outcome at the next FoDFL meeting.

B. Valentine's Basket Raffle- Co-chair of this event, Kate Teitel, said that she has nothing concrete to report as yet. She and co-chair, Barbara Gillott, will have more information to relay at the next meeting. All agreed that with Friends assisting in the collection of basket items, this should not be too difficult to organize and key to this event's success are the "need-not-be-present-to-win" and "can-be-delivered" elements.

C. Art Mob Benefit Concert- Judy L. reported that she and Cheryl Morrison have exchanged several emails concerning this event. Patti will call Town Clerk, Andy McLean, to book the Town Hall for Saturday, June 5th. About 15 choral members and their spouses/partners will need to be housed by Friends. All proceeds will benefit the Library. Those present agreed that this event will offer something new and interesting to the community.

Other Business:

A. Gift of Time Committee update- Co-chair, Pat Bowen, said that she and co-chair, Carol Lucas, who was not present, will report about this at the next FoDFL meeting.

B. Fundraising Goals/Purposes- Judy L. suggested that it might be in the best interests of the FoDFL to create a brochure which lists the programs and events sponsored by the Friends, many of which are for the community. Photos of these events could be included, i.e. children's summer program, lectures, Dessert With the Author. Judy L. also said she would like to see a scholarship offered to local students. Judy J. explained how the Dover Women's Society selects scholarship recipients. This topic will be revisited at a future meeting.

C. Other ideas:

1. Mary Beth proposed an idea for a holiday bazaar which would include an ornament (both new and used) tag sale and a live Santa Claus with picture-taking opportunity. This would be advertised via a flyer, radio and local newspapers. Judy Jones will be donating a tree with lights.

2. Pat Bowen proposed that the DFL might feature one of her mother's seasonal display set ups. John concurred that this would be possible.

The timing of both these ideas would coincide with, and perhaps benefit, DFL's Adopt-a-Book event ; they will be discussed at the next FoDFL meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next FoDFL meeting will take place Wednesday, December 2nd. This is a week earlier than the usual meeting time, the purpose of which is to prepare for the proposed Holiday Bazaar.

Respectfully submitted, Patti Buck, FoDFL Secretary