

Friends of Dover Free Library Meeting Wednesday, December 2, 2009 in the DFL Community Room

Present: Judy LaFiura, Marcy McElroy, Barbara Gillott, Mary Beth McGovern,
Judy Jones, Pat Bowen, John Flores, Doug Ashworth, Patti Buck

New FoDFL member, Doug Ashworth, was introduced and welcomed.

The minutes of the November 11th FoDFL meeting were accepted.

Barb Gillott reported that FoDFL member and DFL Trustee, Carol Lucas, would be undergoing surgery today. Barb will let us know Carol's contact information.

Financial Report: Treasurer, Pat Bowen, said that there have been no deposits or withdrawals since her November report. Also, she has filed the 990 postcard with the IRS verifying that FoDFL made less than \$25,000 during the past year.

Director's Report:

A. DFL Director, John Flores, reported that \$200 has been made since this year's Adopt-A-Book program began on November 27th.

B. Library volunteers are still needed, especially those with computer skills.

C. The Spanish Club which had previously been part of the DFL program, will start again in mid-January. At this writing the meeting time for this club will be noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. John said that he considers language-learning as part of the DFL's cultural role in the community. Computer use of a "flash drive" program will be part of this program.

D. John asked that the boxes of books left after the Dover Day Book Sale and currently in the boiler room, be moved to the shed for winter storage. The issue of books subjected to humidity was raised. Barb G. will purchase anti-mold/moisture absorbing devices to be placed in the shed. FoDFL members will be asked to help transport the books for winter storage.

Events and Programs:

A. DFL Bicentennial Committee-

1. Bicentennial Breakfast- Co-chairs, Judy Jones and Mary Beth McGovern reported that during the last Bicentennial meeting it was decided that the church service which will, for reasons related to Dover's history, be held inside the Dover Town Hall and the same morning (Sunday, October 3, 2010) as the breakfast sponsored by FoDFL. As the 9 a.m. service, to last approximately an hour, will precede the breakfast, the meal offered by FoDFL will most likely be a brunch or lunch. Tables and chairs can be set up and kitchen prep work completed prior to the service. Decisions regarding the food and refreshments to be served will be made at coming FoDFL meetings when more information regarding the religious service is known.

2. Bicentennial Parade Float- Judy J. relayed details resulting from the most recent Bicentennial meeting. No candy is to be thrown from floats. All floats will be decorated according to a Vermont-related theme. No political stickers or handouts will be permitted. Floats will be in the hands of local (Dover) people only and are not to exceed 125 feet in length or 12 feet in height. Marcy asked if the town might be in a position to provide financial assistance to those sponsoring floats. Judy J. will inquire at the next Bicentennial

meeting to be held on Jan. 13, 2010. Patti will ask Gretchen Fagge if her son's Farmall tractor might be available to pull the DFL float. Judy J. asked that FoDFL secretary, Patti B., fill out and submit a parade application to the Bicentennial Committee.

B. Holiday Event-

1. Ornament Tag Sale- Mary Beth explained her idea regarding a pre-holiday event to be held at the DFL. Judy J. will be donating a seven foot tree with lights. This will be delivered at 10 a.m. Friday, December 4th. FoDFL volunteers will be on hand to help assemble it in the Community Room. FoDFL will donate used (in good condition) or new ornaments. DFL patrons will be encouraged to visit the Community Room where the tree ornaments will be displayed. A donation box will be available for contributions in support of DFL.

2. Alpine Village- Pat Bowen will put on loan to the DFL an Alpine Village belonging to her mother. Volunteers will be needed to set up, in the Community Room, this extensive display including 25+ buildings (houses, shops, churches, inns), mountains and trees.

3. December 18th DFL Event- John announced that at 6:30 p.m. on 12/18, the DFL will be offering the public various seasonal movies, a live Santa, and refreshments. The DFL's Community Room with its lighted tree and Alpine village will add to the evening's enjoyment.

4. Valentine Fund-Raiser- Co chair, Barb G., reported that Carol Lucas has donated a picnic basket containing champagne glasses. A 3-tickets-for-\$5 raffle will take place. Raffle tickets could be given to people who donate money during the Thursday, February 11th event at the West Dover Inn. Tickets can be sold prior to the event. A money advance for materials needed will be discussed at the next FoDFL meeting. A list of recommended basket items to be donated or solicited by FoDFL will be provided at the the next meeting.

5. Art Mob Performance- Judy L. reported that DFL Friend, Cheryl Morrison, has informed her that her acapella choral group is all set to perform on Saturday, June 5th. FoDFL will house group members.

This meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The first meeting in 2010 will be held in the DFL Community Room on Wednesday, January 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Buck
FoDFL Secretary