

**Freedom Public Library**

**Friends of the Library**

Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2008

The bi-annual meeting of the Friends of the Library was called to order at 10 AM at the Freedom Public Library

**Present:**

Ellen and Dick Many, George Clausen, Anne Cunningham, Irene Hopper, Heloise and Chuck Depew, Nancy Seabury, Joan Grossman, Lee Allison, Lee Fritz, Elizabeth Rhymer, Sharon Meyer and Pam Fortin.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the 5/20/2008 were unanimously approved as distributed.

**B. Treasurer's Report/Review of Finances**

George Clausen presented the treasurers report which included an itemized banking summary showing a 10/14 balance including reserves of \$17,981.53. The report showed YTD 2008 revenue of \$11,479.21 and YTD disbursements of \$5765.48.

Anne Cunningham is maintaining a database as well that includes breakdown of donors as well as Revenue/Expense/Net Proceeds. She reported that this year to date we have had 106 donors for a total of \$8,052.01. This number includes 11 new donors from the annual Drive and 6 new donors that are "In memory of". A discussion ensued with the group as to how we might increase awareness of this type of donation.

The Treasurers Report was unanimously approved as read.

**C. Trustees Report**

Anne Cunningham reported that she has been to 2 training programs recently and found that trustees who are also members of the "Friends" cannot vote on "Friends" matters as it could potentially be a conflict of interest .

**D. Library Directors Report.**

Elizabeth read her semi-annual Librarian's report (copy attached). Everyone congratulated Elizabeth on how successful her summer reading programs have been.

## E. Program Reports

**Book Club:** Lee Fritz reports that the book club continues to meet monthly and that there had been a couple of new participants at the last meeting. She also pointed out that the author of this month's book Here if You Need Me, Kate Braestrup, will be speaking in N. Conway on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**NNHC:** Ellen reports that there will be no NNHC program this fall but that Lee and Sharon will pick out a topic from "What is NH Reading" for the spring program. She also asked the committee to be thinking about any ideas that they may have for topics and the group also discussed considering a non-NNHC topic as well.

**Art Displays:** The current Robert Marx poster displays will be staying up for another month.

## F. Fund Raising

**Annual Appeal** There were a lot of volunteers for the envelope stuffing and we had a great response this year. Book marks designed by Bill Stoops were included in this years "thank you" envelope.

**Rubber Ducky Day:** Discussion was held about the fact that the Rubber Ducky Day book sale is not a great money maker. We talked about the possibility of instead holding a sale of breakfast food and coffee at the ball field if the F-O-H-W committee decides to sponsor morning balloon rides prior to the Ducky Day activities.

**Old Home Week:** The book and bake sale was very successful this year. The Library book bags were well received and a significant number of them were sold as well.

Ann voiced her concerns about the fact that a book-seller (Ron Purmort) sp? had a number of our books for quite some time that he had agreed to sell. She reports that he is really not making any money for the friends and suggested that maybe we should ask him to return the unsold books. She will speak with him.

**Raffle:** The quilt raffle was also a great success this year generating money for the Library.

## G. Old Business:

**Circulation Desk Remodeling Project:** Dick reported that there has been no movement on the remodeling project at this point. The committee will have a report for the spring meeting.

**Christmas Tree Display:** Ellen advised the group that there is a problem with the Friends sponsoring a tree. She stated that it is inappropriate for us to use money that was donated to the Friends of the Library to help another non-profit raise funds. The group decided that we would not sponsor a tree.

**Recruitment:** A recruitment committee consisting of Anne, Ellen, Sylvia, Pam and Sharon met in October and addressed a number of issues. It was determined that there is a need to review the bylaws before proceeding. Ellen informed the Friends and we agreed as a group that we would

like the recruitment committee to take this project on. They will meet again on 11/18 at 4:30. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome.

#### **H. New Business**

**Friends Logo:** The group had a discussion about how best to decide on a logo. We talked about having a contest vs seeing if Bill Stoops, Peg Scully or one of the other Freedom artists would like to offer a logo for consideration. Also, we discussed talking with Lisa Wheeler about putting something in her column about a contest or possibly sending out an email. Ellen will follow up.

**Permanent Signage:** Ellen will speak with Bill Stoops about whether he would be willing to take on the project.

**Friends Definition and Voting:** Discussion was held by the group as to the definition of a "Friend". Most members believe that a Friend should be anyone who donates money, time or books to the library. This will be clarified at the next recruitment meeting in order to move forward with recruiting new members.

Elizabeth asked the group to consider purchasing a replacement copier for the library. She had done some research and had found that we could either rent or purchase a high-end used Minolta copier from Porter Office Machines. The purchase cost is \$1900 and the annual maintenance cost would be \$295 or 1.5 cents/copy. After discussion of the copiers capabilities and costs, a motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase the copier for \$1900. and to fund the maintenance costs for the balance of 2008.

Elizabeth also told the group about a program that Shaw's Grocery store was offering where they would contribute \$2 for every \$200 in grocery receipts that were collected and turned in to the store. The receipts would be collected in the library. Elizabeth will pursue this program and report back to the group.

#### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Richard Many

Approved by: Ellen Many