

## **FRIENDS OF CANAAN TOWN LIBRARY**

Minutes of Meeting

April 8, 2013

Canaan Town Library, Canaan, NH

**PRESENT:** Barbara Bickel, Kate Bradigan, Patsy Carter, Pat Danielson, presiding, Nancy Loomis, Kim McQuaid, Cindy Neily, Ann Wadsworth, Karen Wolk

Meeting called to order at 7:04 P.M.

**Minutes of February 11, 2013 meeting accepted as written .**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Nancy Loomis**

**Current balance as of April 8, 2013 is \$4228.74**

**We have received 5 memberships @\$5.00 each, and gained \$369 from the spelling bee.**

**Recent expenses were for Ice and Gift Certificates (Spelling Bee) and New Banners for library advertising.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Amy ordered books (19 titles) for the new reading program for mothers' and their pre-school children and all have arrived. A book plate will be inserted in each new book. Each child will receive a new book at the end of the year before they are ready for kindergarten.

A program, Critters 'n Creatures, will be held at Cardigan Mountain School on Saturday July 13 as part of the Summer Reading Program, the theme of which is "Dig into Reading". CMS's students may also attend.

**Amy's Wish List**

**Spelling Bee: Sharry presented feedback from the event:**

- Tables too close together
- Start time was delayed a little too long ("doors open at 6:30; spelling begins at 7:00")
- Overall – very successful and Kim McQuaid's pictures are much appreciated. The two teams of students are reported to have had a good time and would consider returning.

**Trustees Report : Cindy Neilly** – The Library Trustees Association Annual Meeting is May 20<sup>th</sup> in Bedford. Cindy, Denise Reitsma and Patsy will attend. The conference is a great way to share ideas about library functions.

Trustees are impressed with the array of readers lined up for this summer's program, one of whom is Joyce Carol Oates.

Plant Sale: June 8<sup>th</sup>. Same day as an exhibition and sale by the Cardigan Mountain Art Association (CMAA) on the town green. Nancy Loomis is willing to coordinate but needs strong backs and volunteers to help dig and pot plants. She would like Varigated Hostas, Raspberry, String Beans, Veggies from seeds and zinnias. She does not need pots.

Ann Wadsworth will contact Gary Hamel to help with the heavy work (for pay). FOL had agreed last summer to pay for a person/s with strong back/s. Girl Scouts may be available to help With gardening in anyone's yards but will need some support.

Outdoor Bench:: Status of research – Kate Bradigan – Lowe's in Tilton has the best price and most sturdy bench. The present bench is still somewhat intact as are the trees and plants that withstood the winter. This is a continuing project.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Meeting House Readings: will be continuing with a new coordinator. – Phil Pochoda. He has proposed that the Friends of the Library split the cost of a new lectern with a built-in sound system. Mr. Pochoda will donate ½ of the cost. There was considerable discussion about where to store the lectern , who should claim ownership, how to secure the lectern and whether it will be available for lending (in the future). It was agreed that the lectern would be town property (as the Library is) and it would be covered by insurance. A plaque will be placed claiming “property Of Canaan Town Library”. The issue of protecting the lectern from theft still needs to be addressed by Amy.

It was moved and seconded to pay for ½ of the cost of a new lectern, with the understanding that Mr. Pochoda's payment for ½ is a donation.

Dates of readings will be July 11, 18, 25 and August 1. The **FOL group will be responsible for lemonade and cookies for the July 25<sup>th</sup> reading.**

Purchase of an Automated external defibrillator (AED) for the library. Pat raised the issue of the library having an AED for medical emergencies. She has spoken to Mike Samson and Chief Bellion. It could save a life, and would be the only second machine available in Canaan. (The only other is in the town office 10 months of the year and is locked. It could cost under \$800. All library staff would be trained to use it.

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Meeting adjourned 8:08 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by Ann Wadsworth, Secretary