

**Minutes of a meeting of the
FRIENDS OF CANAAN TOWN LIBRARY
April 12, 2010
Canaan Town Library, Canaan, NH**

Present: Lola Baldwin, Barbara Bickel, Joanna Carr, Patsy Carter, Kristin Cheek, Pat Danielson, Sharry Keller, Cindy Neily, Susan Quinlan, Amy Thurber, Ann Wadsworth, Karen Wolk

President Susan Quinlan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the January 11, 2010 meeting were read and the Treasurer's report was corrected to read a bank balance of \$1219.07. The minutes were unanimously accepted as corrected.

Report of the Treasurer:

Checking, including funds collected this evening, is \$1239.07. We also continue to have the CD for \$1400.00.

Report from Library trustees representative – Cindy Neily:

The library renovation is making good progress in spite of a setback encountered when asbestos was found in the old projection room. The Select Board agreed to contribute \$2,500.00, which is half the cost, toward the remediation. The remediation is now completed and the next phase of the renovation can go forward. We are on target for completion this summer.

NH Trustees Association will hold its annual meeting May 3 in Portsmouth.

Representatives from Friends of the Library groups are encouraged to attend at a registration fee of \$35.00. Pat Danielson made a motion, Seconded by Sharry, that the Friends pay the registration fee for one of our members to attend. The Motion was passed unanimously. Joanna Carr may be able to attend.

Report of the Librarian, Amy Thurber (given by Cindy):

Renovated children's area will soon be useable.

May 8 is Library book sale as part of Town-wide garage sale. Amy requests help with setting up Friday night, May 7 and packing up unsold books at the close of the sale at 2:30 on May 8.

Renovation update photos are posted on Facebook. There are about 300 visits per week to the site. Kristin is helping to keep the site updated.

Review of current projects:

Susan reported that her husband's two printers are broken and therefore he is unable to print additional brochures as previously decided. Pat will ask her husband if they have a suitable printer. Lola offered her printer as a backup. We would like to have 50 brochures in color and a few in black and white to see how they look.

It was also decided to produce a bookmark that will be a better, i.e. cheaper, item for mass distribution. Kristin will work on a bookmark design using information from the brochure.

Update on bike rack:

Sharry reported her comparative shopping results from catalogs supplied by Amy. After much discussion, and as much as we would like to have a decision regarding this item, it was decided we need more input from Amy (who was unable to attend this meeting)

regarding bike capacity – is 3 enough?-, portability, and durability. We also need a better idea of funds available for the bike rack following the plant sale.

Landscaping project:

Susan distributed a picture of library front with suggested plants and plant pricing list provided by Browns. Her inquiry to Longacres determined they do not do landscaping or guarantee the plants they sell.

There was a lengthy discussion of the Brown plan, which plants to use as per the plan and how much to spend. It was decided to try and move ahead by planting the three basic trees as a start and to present this plan to the Select Board on April 27. We anticipate Select Board concerns may be regarding snow removal and plant maintenance. (Plant watering will be provided by the Friends as we did with watering last summer.) Additional plant selection will be in part determined by soil condition and available funds following the plant sale. It was once again agreed that we will hire Browns to do the majority of the plantings.

Plant Sale:

Nancy will not be as available for the plant sale as she has been in the past. There was renewed discussion of the need to organize our efforts and have someone to direct the digging of plants. The need for pots was reiterated. Everyone was urged to think about their plants and those of friends and compile a list of gardens to “raid.” We will need to dig and label plants as appropriate during the next six weeks. May will be a busy time to organize and dig.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wolk, Secretary