

**Minutes of a meeting of the
FRIENDS OF CANAAN TOWN LIBRARY
May 11, 2009
Canaan Town Library, Canaan, NH**

Present: Patsy Carter, Pat Danielson, Sharrie Keller, Nancy Loomis, Cindy Neily, Amy Thurber, Karen Wolk

President Pat Danielson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Report of the Treasurer

The current account balance is \$543.99. This does not include \$296.10 to be deposited May 12 as follows: \$60.00 from April raffle, \$201.10 from bake sale and \$35.00 received in advance for the plant sale. This deposit will bring bank account balance to \$840.09.

Bake Sale May 9 during Town-wide Garage Sale

Proceeds of \$201.10 were modest, but deemed helpful. We had more baked goods than we could sell. Discussion suggested that pies sell better than cakes. No need to sell coffee. Free samples, as well as advance advertising and a big sign at the sale site, may entice sales. We should pay the garage sale organizers for the bake sale booth, which will also provide advertising. It was decided to repeat the sale during the Sept. Town Wide garage sale.

Book Sale

Amy reported that the book sale made \$613.00, an amount consistent with past sales. Having the books sorted and arranged by category was very helpful. Once the library lobby is reconfigured and the downstairs renovation is completed, there will likely be shelves at the back of the entry that can be used for an on-going book sale. This will greatly expand the limited books-for-sale section currently in the lobby. Once the shelves are available, the library will publicize for donations and that there are books for sale.

It was suggested we attend some of the Canaan Farmers Market days with the Friends of Canaan Village in order to publicize the ongoing book sale. The Library will also do a sale at the Town Wide garage sale in Sept.

Plant Sale

Nancy Loomis is again working hard to bring about the plant sale on June 13. It will be staffed 9 am-1pm., with remaining plants left outside with payment on the honor system. (This worked out very well last year.)

Nancy needs plants and pots and help at the sale. Please ask friends with gardens for donations. In general people prefer larger plants. Vegetables and herbs are in demand.

Nancy will again run an ad for the plant sale in the Valley News.

Landscaping project

General Library yard clean-up scheduled for May 30th. Friends are requested to help out from 9-11. Bring gardening tools. Susan Quinlan will design plantings for the Town Crier and around lilacs. Fertilizing is important and

new plantings require manure, which we will purchase by the bag at Canaan Hardware.

Nancy suggested we allocate \$1000.00 for this year's garden project. With the up-coming plant sale we should have sufficient funds based on the success of last year's plant sale. It was decided to reimburse the Friends of Canaan Village \$75.00 for plants around the fire hydrant.

Tom is working on the bike rack repair. We will try different locations to find out which placement will best ensure its use. Once this is determined, Amy suggested we install a more attractive, permanent bike rack.

For the benches it was suggested we see what Canaan Hardware might supply and post the options for the library patrons to register their choices.

We will ask the Fire Marshall if we can paint the fire hydrant with flowers.

We need everyone to sign up for "Garden Watch" duty so that our plants will survive the summer. Watchers will need to weed, water and remove trash as needed. Come prepared on May 30th to select your days to be a garden watcher.

Friends Brochure

The brochure is ready and copies were available. It was discovered that the properly printed version had omitted the word "library" in one place in the brochure.

Other business

Cindy handed out an informative item from the NH Library Trustees meeting that offers suggestions on how to be a "good library trustee" and then steps for smooth working relations between the trustees and Library Friends.

We briefly discussed the Friends Annual Meeting. It was suggested to hold the meeting in August with a speaker. All are asked to bring ideas for an appropriate topic/speaker to the June Friends meeting.

It was also suggested we might discuss fund raising at the June meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wolk, secretary