

## **FRIENDS OF CAANAN TOWN LIBRARY**

### Minutes of Meeting

April 9, 2012 (first meeting since September 2011)  
Canaan Town Library, Canaan, NH

**PRESENT:** Barbara Bickel, Kate Bratigan, Joanna Carr, Patsy Carter, Pat Danielson, , Nancy Loomis, Cindy Neilly, Amy Thurber, Ann Wadsworth, Karen Wolk

Meeting called to order at 7:06 P.M. (Karen Wolk facilitating – in the absence of an elected president)

**Minutes of September 12, 2011 meeting accepted as written.**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Danielson**

Bank balance as of March 22, 2012 was \$3208.61. As of 4/9/2012, balance is \$3136.61 . Expenses incurred were: \$300.30 for the new library wall clock, \$250.00 for the bulletin board, \$92.00 for Spelling Bee Expenses. Deposits were for \$50 donation, \$5 membership, \$240.50 Spelling Bee profits, and a \$300 refund from the IRS for the 501 C3 fee submitted in early 2011 with our application. (Articles of Association need to be changed as suggested by the IRS to have the 501C3 application accepted.)

Karen thanked Pat for her persistence,

**SPELLING BEE :** Feedback (Sharry Keller not present, but submitted a brief list of responses from the participants.) Overall, everyone felt that the event was very successful and the actual "Bee" was much improved from the first year (2011). We had excellent coverage in the Valley News. We hope also to encourage high school students to participate next year. Suggestions will be tabled and referred to the Spelling Bee committee..

#### **LIBRARY WISH LIST: Amy Thurber**

Amy distributed a detailed copy of the Library Wish List as of April 9, 2012

- Due to state of NH budget cuts, the Ancestry.com and Heritage.com genealogical web sites have been eliminated. If we could pay for the membership, we might even start a Genealogy Club. Additionally, anyone with a library card can access the site from home. It was suggested that we coordinate with the Enfield Library as to which site we join. (Membership is approximately \$180 per year.)
- Two more folding tables (approx. \$150)
- Digital Picture Frame to advertise library sponsored events. The deluxe NIX 12 inch Digital Picture Frame, Motion Sensor turns the frame ON/OFF automatically when it senses someone nearby! It has 2GB Memory. Preferred Model # is ASIN: B0042USV5A. Item number 12"\_Hu-Motion, Library patrons have enjoyed viewing the smaller frame on loan, and a larger 12" model would help make a better statement about upcoming programs. (approximate cost is \$135)
- Pop-up tent for outdoor programs
- Left-over wish list items – still to be tabled: CD/DVD cleaner; Indoor plant duty, and a Projection Screen to hang from the proscenium.

- It was moved, seconded and approved to allocate funds (listed above) to purchase the genealogical membership, folding tables and the pop-up tent. The digital frame will be deferred.

Amy discussed the “Kids, Books and the Arts” grant from the State Library for summer 2012 (performer Peter Boie – July 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M.) If awarded, the grant would cover all other expenses for the performer. The Library would pay an initial \$150 . If not awarded, the Library would have to pay \$475-500.

**PLANT SALE: Nancy Loomis – June 9.**

Nancy recommended recruiting neighbors for plant donations. She will also send an email when she becomes available to dig and to orchestrate digging and potting. Nancy will also spend the allocated \$250 for plants and supplies needed to prepare.

**TOWNWIDE YARD SALE: LIBRARY BOOK SALE – May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Amy needs volunteer help with the sale. Set-up begins at 8:00 A.M. The sale will be from 9-2.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Amy discussed the possibility of obtaining a Banner – for advertising – e.g. the Plant Sale, etc.

Joanna Carr raised the question of having library presence at the Canaan Farmers’ Market and possibly selling tote bags with a library logo. After some discussion, it was agreed that the topic needs further exploration.

**LEADERSHIP OF THIS COMMITTEE: Elected Offices**

**Currently, we have no elected President. It was moved seconded and approved that Pat Danielson assume the office of President, and that Nancy Loomis will become Treasurer.**

**Other FOL business:**

Our mission – going forward – promoting the library and its presence in Canaan.

Speakers and activities sponsored by the library. Amy is always looking for speakers and program subjects. FOL can underwrite these programs.

Computer classes – Bob Razelis can give tech talks.

NH Library Trustees Conference in Manchester, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

**Next meeting: May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted by Ann Wadsworth, Secretary**