

FRIENDS OF CAANAN TOWN LIBRARY

Minutes of Meeting
September 10, 2012
Canaan Town Library, Canaan, NH

PRESENT: Barbara Bickel, Kate Bradigan, Joanna Carr, Pat Danielson, Presiding, Nancy Loomis, Sharry Keller, Kim McQuaid (new member welcomed), Cindy Neilly, Amy Thurber, Ann Wadsworth, Karen Wolk

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes of June 11, 2012 meeting accepted as corrected (spelling of Kate Bradigan's name; Pat Danielson has already spoken with Safflowers and Amy will follow-up).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nancy Loomis - Current balance as of 9/10/2012: \$4595.50

Recent Income amounted to: \$2346.90 net from the June plant sale; \$10 for 2 memberships; and a \$40.00 donation for the plant sale.

Expenses have amounted to: \$241.79 for the pop-up tent; \$147.50 for a Digital Frame; \$104.50 for Plant sale and Spelling Bee banners; \$40.25 for additional plants to sell, and \$150 Initial cost towards the "**Kids, Books and the Arts**" grant for the summer performer Peter Boie

PRESENTATION BY THE MASCOMA VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD:

Board members requested time to present the need for favorable passage of the Warrant Article for renovation of the high school. (The proposed project was turned down in a bond vote in March 2012). The school was built in 1963 and is in dire need of changes and programming space. Speaking for the renovation project were: Patrick Andrew, Interim Superintendent, Dave Barney – Canaan; Claudine Peck – Enfield; and Wayne Morrison – Canaan. Although the student population is not growing, the school needs educational space.- such as an Art Room, an Auditorium, expansion of the library for media space and additional classrooms and development of safety spaces.

The Board is attempting to educate the community for the necessity of approximately \$23 million. Patrick Andrew emphasized that if each of us knew 6 people that we could help educate, this would have potentially effective results. He also finds that personal tours are very effective, and is available to give them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Amy's Wish List

Folding chairs (library already has 30, but storage is an issue. Some have been used at the Meeting House during the summer. How to store and transport between the 2 facilities when needed?

Amy reported that the results of the Library survey indicated interest in more books, increase in hours including Sunday hours.

New screen for projecting slides/movies/presentations – logistics re: placement of screen to be further discussed. (A new screen would be help for the October presentation about Lizzie Borden.

Books and audio tapes: need to be weeded in order to provide more space.

INDOOR PLANTS FOR THE LIBRARY – no follow-up yet with Joanne from Safflowers

OUTDOOR SIGN (Library) – has been taken over by the Village of Canaan Town Office; the “Town Crier” will now be the Library’s outdoor bulletin board.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE: September 29. Library tote bags will sell for \$10 each and will entitle the buyer to a full bag of books. It was acknowledged that the tote bags have been very successful and need to be reordered. It was agreed that the ‘FOL will fund an order of \$100 more bags. Pat and Amy will follow-up.

PLANT SALE AND LIBRARY GARDEN BEDS: In October, Nancy will need help with planting holding beds for next Spring’s sale. Library plants need to be dug up and divided . Nancy is taking the leadership for this project but needs LOTS OF HELP. Nancy is also looking for new plants. It was suggested that Gary Hamel could be hired to help with transplanting and dividing . He is available in October, is strong and very knowledgeable about plants and gardens. **It was agreed that October 13th would be the day to work on the Library plants (9:00 – 11:30).**

Additionally, the outside bench needs to be stored in the winter. The “Cozy Corner” was suggested as a place; Kate Bradigan will investigate types of benches to be evaluated for purchase in the future.

ANNUAL MEETING: The FOL group agreed to officially declare tonight’s meeting in the month of September as the Annual Meeting. Dues begin in January – the calendar year: \$5.00.

SPELLING BEE: Date established for the 2nd Monday in March. We need to talk it up and to create more teams.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cindy Neily reported for Bob Regan, Selectman and Trustee, that a new generator for the town offices will be placed outside the library (lift side) on the 4 x 4 cement pad. This means that all the plants in that area need to be dug up and moved. This will be coordinated in conjunction with the October 13th dig (noted above).
- Cindy also reported that the Trustees have agreed to revisit the original book budget and are in favor of restoring monies that were cut 4 years ago. If this fails, an infusion of money from the FOL treasury may be suggested. .

Next meeting, November 12, 2012

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by Ann Wadsworth, Secretary