

**FRIENDS OF CANAAN TOWN LIBRARY (DRAFT)**

Minutes of Meeting

**April 13, 2015**

Canaan Town Library, Canaan, NH

**PRESENT:** Melissa Allen, Barbara Bickel, Patsy Carter, Pat Danielson - presiding, Kim McQuaid, Cindy Neily, Ann Wadsworth

Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Minutes of January 12 and February 9 accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Not available (As of February 20, there was \$6191.07)

**Old Business:**

Review of the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Spelling Bee, March 9, 2015. (Sharry not present to participate in the review)

Much lively discussion:

Do the expenses outweigh the efforts? A "Fun" Event not intended to generate funds

Possibly change the venue – i.e. at the Cardigan Mountain School

Possibly change the day of the week

Preparation and planning are a burden

Delegate tasks, even at the last minute

Evaluate prize recipients, such as advertise prizes for the '1<sup>st</sup> 5 people to call to register'

Perhaps have Booby prizes for the losers

Revise the wording of the notice at Pleasant Valley

Decisions for 2016 tabled to the June meeting – for a vote when Sharry can be present.

**Trustees Report:** Cindy and Kim

Trustees are discussing possible "Annual Fund". Many towns support their libraries through a fund. Meetings are open to the public – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 at Library. The structure of the appeal could be kept simple via a spread sheet with records of Mailings, Responses, and Thank you letters. This is only in the planning stage.

May 18, in Concord is the NH Library Trustees Association Annual Meeting. Cindy, Barbara and Patsy have attended in the past and found it very rewarding. Cost of the meeting will be \$60 or \$65 for the day. One of the relevant subjects is "Fund Raising – how to promote like Coca Cola"!

Meeting House Readings: July 9, 16, 23, 30. Friends of Library usually choose a date to provide lemonade and snacks. We opted for July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Upcoming dates and events:**

Book Sale – May 9<sup>th</sup> (same day as the Town Wide Yard Sale)

May 19<sup>th</sup> – A talk about the history of Cellar Holes – at the Meeting House

July – Steve Taylor talking about history of Agriculture in the area.

Annual plant sale – June 13<sup>th</sup>. This is Nancy's last year; we need to help as much as possible.

**Amy's Wish List:** Renew Museum passes for 2015, and those museums not utilized, change to another.

Outside Bench: Lively discussion re: contractor. We need formal contracts from both of the bidders before being able to vote. Pat will insist that the one remaining contractor meet with the library staff , Amy and Pat ASAP in order to attempt completion of the bench by the Plant Sale on June 13. The group is favoring a hexagonal shape with a back.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Wadsworth, Secretary