

Friends of the Library Meeting 3-14-16

In attendance: Jess Whittaker (rep. From D Acres), Kim, Amy, Patsy, Pat, Cindy, Melissa

Meeting called to order @ 6:30

OLD BUSINESS

Jess shared her purpose for being here

- Looking for volunteers to assist with this endeavor
- Plant vegetable gardens
- Composting program, etc.
- Pat suggested the book about Mrs. Obama's garden as a good book selection for this activity
- \$ - D'Acres has received grants to fund this, but may need to get more
- Cindy recommended contacting Friends of Canaan

Treasurer's report:

As of December:

Started out with \$7,742.43 - \$196.00 (BookendS book club) - \$39.55 = \$7,506.88

Update on the annual fund:

- Group decided to hold the annual fund again
- Late fall (November 1st?)
- Return address labels are in - to be used on thank you notes
- Revisit letter/conversation in September
 - Add people to database
- Deposits are going to Nancy's house

Committees to work on the thank you event:

- Lola, Nancy, Cindy
- Early summer/July
- Lola has offered her home on Canaan Street for the celebration

Card from Lola was read by Pat in appreciation of gifts given

Plant sale:

- Will discuss when Nancy gets back

Grounds gardens:

- Hooker family to possibly do gardens
- It would be a paid position
 - 1x per month
 - Maybe Jenna McAlister?
 - Pat will ask her

Spelling bee:

- Not this year

Plaque for bench:

- Pat presented

Trash can:

- In place
- JR from transfer station will take care of the barrel
- Maybe he'll take care of trash bags

NEW BUSINESS

Amy's wishlist was presented by Amy

- Museum pass renewal time
 - VINS \$150.00
 - Billings Farm \$100.00
 - Shelburne Museum \$75.00
 - Currier Museum of Art \$65.00
 - Museum of Fine Arts \$100.00
 - MASS MoCA (Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art) \$150.00

Possible NEW Passes:

- SEE Science Center (add new?) - \$200.00/year
 - Strawberry Banke <http://www.strawberrybanke.org>
 - Cheshire Children's Museum <http://www.cheshirechildrensmuseum.org>
 - Pierce Manse <http://www.piercemanse.org>
 - Squam Lake Science Center <http://www.nhnature.org>
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- Pat suggested mentioned featuring museums in the newsletter as a highlight
 - VINS is ready for renewal - Pat will give Amy a check for this
 - Keep what we have except MASS MoCA - wait on approval
 - Amy will look into the other ones listed above

Databases:

- Heritage Quest: \$190.00
- Ancestry Library.com \$190.00

Ice cream and snacks for summer reading program \$75.00:

- Reading program is based on Olympics
- Crafting can happen whenever - self-guided
- Make it more available to more people, more time, etc.
- On Saturdays more physical activities
 - Fencing demo
 - Book triathlon
- Stuffed animal sleepover

Shades over the south windows

- Patsy suggested insulated shades and for both sides of the library to help with heat
 - Amy suggested a remote version, sheer, but block glare
 - Local places that will come and measure
 - Bridgeman's
 - Gilbert
 - West Lebanon Paint and Decorating
 - Home Depot
 - JcPenney?
 - LaValley's
 - Canaan Hardware?
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- Amy will get some quotes and will bring numbers to the next meeting
 - Audiobook Collection:

- Looking for another increase to the size of collection
 - Culling some older titles
 - \$1,000.00 got about 50 titles
- New desk chair for staff that works at circulation desk
 - HON ComforTask 5900 Series Pneumatic Stool \$362.00
 - Amy will order the chair and when the invoice comes, she'll give it to Pat
- Bookends update
 - Last book read: Wonder
 - Chasing Vermeer
 - Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library
 - Approved for purchasing books for the next two Bookends meetings
 - El Deafo
 - Doll Bones
- Voice Amplifier for reading aloud/speaking
 - [Chattervox Voice Amplification System](#)
- Book purchases in name of newly born Canaan resident
 - Look in town report - about 16 in 2013
- Friends of the Library
 - How to generate more members
 - Active members
 - Members that help with particular events
 - Follow-up with members
 - A list of people to call on with events (plant sale, baking, etc.)
 - Digging up plants for plant sale

Plant Sale:

- Make cards/signs ahead
- Need more able-bodies
- A meeting to pot and make signs all at once worked really well
- Bookmarks about plant sale
- Discussion to be continued when Nancy comes back
- June 11th
- New plant sale banner

Repainting the crosswalk was mention to selectmen

D'Acres information was passed out by Jess

Next meeting again on April 11th

Meeting adjourned @ 7:55