

# FRIENDS OF CANAAN TOWN LIBRARY (DRAFT)

Minutes of Meeting

October 17, 2016

Canaan Town Conference Room, Town of Canaan Library

**PRESENT:** Lola Baldwin, Barbara Bickel, Joanna Carr, Pat Danielson, presiding, Nancy Loomis, Kim McQuaid, Cindy Neily, Amy Thurber, Librarian, Ann Wadsworth

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nancy Loomis (Current summary deferred)  
Balance includes payment for the new shades for the library.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Amy attended a library conference and learned about an application for a grant related to Crime Writing, sponsored by an organization called "Sisters in Crime". She was awarded \$1,000 for the library. The organization would like to present a Panel Discussion about crime writing. The proposed date for this program at the Library is Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. (This date precludes the "Basement Bookies", which normally meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month.)

## **OLD BUSINESS: AMY'S WISH LIST:**

- ❖ Refreshments for "Sisters in Crime" event, October 26, 2016
  - (cookies and cider)
- ❖ Refreshments for "Christmas in Canaan, December 16, 2016 (5:00-8:00 p.m.)"
  - (would Friends like to do a fund-raiser?)
- ❖ Continued support of "Bookends" : 4 meetings; 14 copies of each book - \$400.
- ❖ Renewal of museum passes (due Spring 2017):
  - VINS (\$150)
  - Billings Farms \$100)
  - Shelburne Museum (\$75) Shelburne's plan may get reconfigured
  - Currier Museum of Art (\$65)
  - Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (\$100)
  - MASS MoCA (MA Museum of Contemporary Art) \$150 (discontinue)
  - (Montshire – does not have museum pass programs with libraries)
  - We will also investigate other museums or places to visit that are closer to Canaan (such as St. Gaudins, etc.)
- ❖ Renew Genealogy Database Subscriptions (we have the invoices)
  - Heritage Quest (\$190) Both programs are well used
  - Ancestry Library.com (\$190)
- ❖ Ice Cream and Snacks for Summer Reading Program events (\$75)
- ❖ Audio Book Donation (well-used)
- ❖ Books for Story Time at Mother's Group (\$150)

## **WISHLIST (cont.)**

- ❖ Laptop for Staff & Volunteers (ask Margo for details)
  - To replace existing gift
- ❖ Chromebooks for patrons to check out and use in library (ask Margo to explain)
- ❖ Charging Station for Chromebooks (ask Margo)
  - (A person from Canaan Elementary School will train Library staff)

All of the above wishes were approved with the exception of renewing museum passes for MASS MoCA) A suggestion was made to investigate other museums or interesting sites to visit that are closer to Canaan (i.e. St. Gaudens, etc.)

## **TRUSTEE REPORT: Kim**

### **ANNUAL FUND (ANNUAL APPEAL FUND-RAISER FOR LIBRARY)**

It is time to follow-up with our '2<sup>nd</sup> annual' appeal. Discussion ensued regarding wording of letter and expansion of the donor data base.

Kim has taken the leadership for initial draft of the 2016 appeal letter. Continued discussion will be via email.

Distribution of the donor list and addressing envelopes will be at the Library on Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Wadsworth, Secretary