

FRIENDS OF CANAAN TOWN LIBRARY (DRAFT)

Minutes of Meeting
March 12, 2018

Canaan Town Conference Room; Town of Canaan Library

PRESENT: Melissa Allen, Barbara Bickel, Patsy Carter, Joanna Carr, Pat Danielson, Presiding, Sharry Keller, Nancy Loomis, Kim McQuaid, Cindy Neilly, Susan Nero, Angie Robinson, Amy Thurber, and Ann Wadsworth

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Minutes of April 10, 2017 and May 10, 2017 approved. Minutes of February 12, 2018 approved as amended. (spelling of Stephen Therrault's name for a memorial plaque).

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Loomis reported that our treasury is \$16,603.70 as of 2/20/2018.

We have received \$19.50 from Amazon Smile. Everyone encouraged to mention Amazon Smile when ordering. It is not specific to any kind of order from Amazon.

Old Business: Amy recapped items of the Library wish list – presented at the February meeting. All items have been very successful and Amy and librarians are very grateful for the support of the Friends. Some minor changes and comments follow:

Continued support for “**The Book-ends**” – a book group for youngsters –from grades 4-6. The number of meetings will be reduced from 6 to 4; and Amys hope is to meet on the Monday after April vacation – to generate more interest and popularity of the program.

The **Montshire Museum** does not give passes to libraries

The **American Precision Museum** is free from May to October (passes not needed

Renewal of Genealogy Database subscriptions: “**Family Search**” is free & great

Continued support of Christmas in Canaan program ('The Gift of Reading'); (we will purchase paperback books for children ages 0-12; the \$500 expenditure will be matched with the library trustees = \$1,000; there are books left over from 2017 which will be replenished. D/C the craft project and concentrate on the books.

The bookbag project: “1,000 books” before kindergarten is very successful (begun in September 2017)

Melissa Allen's **story time** has grown to 18 children and parents (twice, the number has been 29).

Motion made, seconded and passed to allocate funds to fulfill this portion of the Wish List.

Remaining item on the Wish List is replacement of the library chairs for the conference table.

Lively discussion ensued re: the weight of the chair, the design and fit around the table and the cost. General consensus is to purchase 10 chairs (even though 8 may be maximum around the table.). Additional 2 chairs could be placed around the library. The old chairs might be salvageable and stored on the 3rd floor.

Amy will continue to investigate and more discussion will follow

Replacement of one glider chair – is also discussed in the mix of needed chairs.

2018 Plant Sale: June 9th. Cindy and Nancy to coordinate. Everyone encouraged to survey our own gardens; place plants in pots so they will be healthy by the end of May. For additional plant preparation labor, it was suggested that Hypertherm might have Volunteers.

New Business: Nancy Loomis requested a **replacement Treasurer** for the Friends of the Library. Pat Danielson asked that if anyone would like to volunteer as Treasurer to contact her. The FOL has been in operation for at least 10 years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting – to be announced.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Wadsworth, Secretary