

Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library, Inc.

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2010

In Attendance

Executive Board: Natalie Harbeson(President), Brian Wood (Vice President), Marcia Montgomery (Secretary), Mary Wood(Treasurer)

Advisory Board: Kaye Burke, Carol Jordan, Ann Marino, Christy McDonald, Mary Jane Michaels, Regina O'Connell, Anne Sousa, Michelle Tine, Anita Wilson, Sue Wright – Liaison,

Library Officials Lisa Masten(Acting Director)

Absent: Phil DesJardins, Dori Womer

Guests: Belinda Santos, Maraidy Thomsen, Andrew Wood

The November 10th meeting was called to order by President Natalie Harbeson at 7:08 p.m. She welcomed our guests Belinda Santos and Maraidy Thomsen. We all introduced ourselves.

SECRETARY'S REPORT The October 13, 2010 minutes were accepted as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The report was accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Correspondence- We received a letter from Val Ginn – The Waterfall Festival was a success and our participation was appreciated.

Tellabration is scheduled for November 13, 2010 at the Library.

The Wine & Cheese Social is scheduled for January 21, 2011.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT - Brian reported on the Library Board meeting. There was a half hour executive meeting about hiring a new Library Director. The Board has had the first round of interviews last week.

The Board will do a "Walk Around the Library" to see what needs to be done for the Library. We do need to replace the shutters.

Next year's 5K Race is set for Sunday, May 15, 2011.

Hanel Concert is set for April 2011. It will be "Sounds of New England", a Women's Barbershop Group.

LIBRARY DIRECTORS REPORT Lisa Masten – Reported the Expansion Study is on hold until a new Director is hired.

The Library now has 10 Laptops and with money from a Federal Grant a cart has been purchased that holds 20 laptops with one cord to charge however many on the cart.

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The first Sunday the Library was open drew 307 people.

The Library will start circulating E-Readers and MP3 players. They are fitted with special cases and instructions on use and return so the items will not be damaged.

In two weeks the Board will re-interview the two top candidates for the Library Director's position.

The Library will closed on November 11, 2010 for Veterans' Day. The Staff will be here to shift books.

The first meeting for the 5K Race will be December 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE No report

MEMBERSHIP The FOCL Conference on November 6, 2010 dealt with membership.

BOOK SALE Anita, Ann, Sue

Saturday and Sunday, November 13th and 14th will be packing days. We have about 0948 in the storage unit.

Thursday, November 18th we will move books from the Library to the Senior Center with the Boy Scouts.

We can get into the Multipurpose Room on Wednesday, November 17th.

We will be able to move into the Cafeteria on Friday, November 19th when lunch is finished.

Advertising has gone out to the Town Crier, Rare Reminder, Korky Vann and i-Towns.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE No report

COMMUNICATION Footnotes went out on October 21, 2010. The Mailing Committee sent out 854 Footnotes and 257 pieces for the Book Sale.

Website - Everything seems to be okay.

EVENTS

- a.) Tellabration – This will be held November 13th at the Library. Tickets are on sale. Christy, Dori, Regina and Julie are volunteering. We still need more people. Telebration starts at 7:30 p.m.
- b.) 50th Anniversary Committee reported Indian Hill Country Club lost our reservation for the Gala in June 2011. We will have it instead at the Shriners' Temple.
The Wine and Cheeses Social will be January 21, 2011 in the Library. Connecticut Beverage will donate wine for the wine tasting.
- c.) Bus Trips- The trip to NYC on October 16th brought in \$698.00 profit.
- d.) Election Day Library Card Sign-up – November 2nd 77 new Library cards were handed out.

FUNDRAISING-

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a.) Friends' Corner – No report

b.) Macy's Shop for a Cause – \$765.00 profit

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE No report

FOCL/ALTAFF – FOCL has a website and is on Facebook. Their Annual Meeting is June 1st. The Connecticut Book Festival is in May at the UCONN branch in West Hartford. There will be authors speaking and displays.

The CLA Conference is also in May.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a.) Wild Apricots Saas – Natalie and Brian haven't converted to this yet.
- b.) Wish List – We reviewed the Library's Wish List with Lisa Master. A motion was made and seconded to allocate \$10,000.00 to the Library for the Wish List. The motion carried.
- c.) A motion was made and seconded for earmark \$10,000.00 for new building expenses. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a.) Mary Jane suggested we say "Thank you" to Patty Foley before she retires from Membership. A motion was made to send her a "Thank you" letter and a "Thank you" gift. We will ask Julie Bergman for suggestions. A motion was made and seconded to allocate \$50.00 for the gift. The motion carried. Mary Jane will handle this.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Montgomery

Secretary