

**Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library, Inc.**

**Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 11, 2012**

**In Attendance:**

**Executive Board:** Natalie Harbeson (President), Mary Wood (Secretary), Brian Wood (Treasurer)

**Advisory Board:** Ann Marino, Regina O'Connell, Belinda Santos, Michele Tine, Kaye Burke, Marcia Montgomery, Anita Wilson, Maraidh Thomson, Carol Jordan, Mary Jane Michaels, Phil DesJardins ,

**Library Officials Present:** Donna Miller (Library Director)

**Library Board Liaison:** Judy Igielski

**Absent:** Christy McDonald (Vice President), Lisa Masten (Assistant Library Director), Sue Wright, Dori Womer

***The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Natalie Harbeson.***

**Secretary's Report:** The Minutes of the December 14, 2011 Meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** The CDs are coming due. Brian is checking other banks for better interest rates. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

**Presidents Report:**

An extension was filed with the IRS for our taxes.

Review of Calendar of Events

Business Showcase: March 10, 2012

Wine and Cheese Social: January 27, 2012

Hanel Concert: Eight to the Bar- April 15, 2012

**Vice-President's Report:**

The water for the 5K Race is historically provided by the Friends. We will be providing it this year as well. Do we wish to become a bronze (or above) sponsor?

The Library Board will be spending money on a new area rug and curtains for the Children's Programming Room.

Buying signs in order to direct patrons when the power goes out.

Legacy is going to be holding a breakfast for insurance agents/bank managers to get the word out to businesses in the town.

New Town Council Library Liaison is Clarke Castill

**Library Director's and Assistant Director's Reports:**

Since Lisa Masten was not at the meeting the Library Director's and Assistant Director's reports were combined and presented by Donna Miller, the Library Director.

Natalie Harbeson and Donna Miller will be talking to the Kiwanis Club at an event called, Library For You: Library and Friends to Speak on January 30, 2012.

The phones at the library were out of order. The problem was traced to the Cox Cable. There has been communication between Town Hall and Cox's Rocky Hill office.

**Programs**

Winter Reading Kick-Off will be on January 13, 2012.

Children's Winter Reading Kick-Off will be on January 14, 2012.

Brown Bag It with Books on January 26, 2012

Showing the movie, The Help on February 7, 2012

There is a review being done of the adult museum passes.

**Old Business:**

Social Media: A policy has to be written. The committee will meet regarding it.

Vice President Vacancy: The Advisory Board needs to fill the Vice President Position vacancy.

There will be a strategic meeting held to find out where the Friends are going. The plan is to have it in the latter part of February or the beginning of March.

**New Business:**

Membership Committee presented their suggestions for new coupons. See attached samples (attached to printed out minutes that will be passed out at the February 2012 meeting)

There was much discussion on this topic.

Brian made a motion to accept the new coupon structure accompanied by a cover letter.

The motion was seconded by Marcia with addendum to change the wording of 'paperback' to 'mass market paperback'.

The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Finance- No report

Book Sale- There are new donation bins

Communication- There is a mailing coming up

Wine and Cheese Social- Banner is done and ready to be displayed on the Town Green. Newington High School Jazz Combo and String Quartet to play.

Business Show Case- 500 pens have been ordered

***The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary L. Wood, Secretary