

Friends of the LRW Library, Inc.
Wednesday, May 10, 2017- Lienhard Room, 7:00 PM
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Executive Board: Brian Wood (President), Mary Wood (Treasurer)

Advisory Board: Natalie Harbeson (acting secretary), Mary Ellen Procko, Terri Buganski, Dori Womer, Anita Wilson, JoAnn Cromwell, Daryl Googel, Diana Young, Ann Marino

Library Staff: Lisa Masten (Director)

Friends: Eileen Ferris, Andrew Wood

Meeting was called to order by President Brian Wood at 7:09 pm.

Secretary's report – Natalie Harbeson (acting sec'y). The April minutes were amended to remove the duplication of one member present. The minutes were accepted as amended.

Treasurer's report – Mary Wood – Attention was called to the Ongoing sale line and the fantastic job Fred and his helpers are doing raising money for the Friends. The report was accepted as presented.

President's report – Welcome to Eileen Ferris who is considering going on the Advisory Board for the 2017-2018 year.

Vice President's report – none

Library Director's & Assistant Director's report - Lisa Masten

Website – the new town website will go live the end of June. The Library's edition will not be the final edition because the date is now earlier.

Cut the Cord – a program on getting rid of cable will be held on May 31st.

Michelle Royer has been named Chamber Member of the Year, a well-deserved honor.

Free Comic Book Day – Eye Opener provided free comics that were handed out to the attendees.

Made in CT – continues to be a very popular program sponsored by the Friends. On June 12 the program will be on Hartford Prints. On July 10 the program will be on Serenity Hill Basketry of Barkhamsted. On August 14 the program will be on Bradley Mountain Soaps of Southington.

The children's room staff are busy making school visits for Summer Reading. Of special note the Teen librarians were invited to the 8th grade English classes at John Wallace Middle School which has been difficult to schedule visits to in the past.

Trustees Report: the town hall architect and renovation chair, Joe Harpie, shared the tentative renovation plan with the Trustees. They are going to recommend a North/South plan which will have significant impact on the library during construction. Access to the library will be affected. As far as the library renovation is concerned, the feasibility study is just about done.

Summer Reading – Build a Better World. Adult Kick off is June 8th and the all age kick off is June 17th.

Trustees will be having the author Kathleen Spada Basto at their Annual Meeting who

wrote a novel about witchcraft in Hartford entitled “Days to the Gallows: A Novel of the Hartford Witch Panic”. There will be a book discussion August 17th. One Book Newington will take place in September/October. The book is Heat & Light by Jennifer Haigh who will be coming to the library the end of October.

Assistant Director’s report – see above

Old Business:

Bakeless Bake Sale: So far we have taken in \$679.00

Business Showcase: Saturday, April 22 – Very slow, sparsely attended and fewer vendors.

5K Race: coming up on May 21st – volunteers are welcome

Bus Trip – June 3 to Boston.

Newington Waterfall Festival – September 23. The Friends have reserved the double booth again. The suggestion was made to use the library’s Spin Game to draw people to the booth in addition to selling things.

New Business:

Summer Reading Kick Off/Touch a Truck: will be June 17th. The Friends will have their usual table.

Committee Reports

- a. *Finance* – Mary Wood: We now have a new CD at Farmington Bank. It’s a 13 month liquid CD at 1.75% (compared to the .2% at Peoples). Also have a free business checking account there now.
- b. *Membership* – Ann Marino: Received an anonymous donor who just checked off the level with no name and paid in cash. She sent an email to the office staff in case someone inquiries why they are not receiving benefits. We currently have about 575 paid members.
- c. *Nominating* –Terri Buganski, Diana Young: Kathleen offered to help the nominating committee if needed. Filling the secretary position is difficult. They are considering having one official name and then rotating the duties.
- d. *Mailing* – Jo-Ann Cromwell: the next mailing is Thursday, May 18th.
- e. *Website* – no report
- f. *Facebook* – Natalie Harbeson: we now have 413 likes.
- g. *Publicity* – Terri – no report
- h. *Adopt-a-shelf:* no report
- i. *Advocacy:* one way to advocate for the library is to march in the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 27th.
- j. *Book Sale* – Ann Marino, Terri Buganski: The numbers are down from last spring and the past fall. We grossed approximately \$11,000.00. With the other sales (mini media and on-going), the projects for the budget are on track. There is a lot of community good will generated.
- k. *Friends’ Corner & Café* – Karen Benner, Fred Berner: The on-going sale is doing well. The new bags and even the notecards are selling.
- l. *Fundraising:* Brian shared an article about fundraisers other than book sales and

these included a wine tasting, a race, live music, miniature golf, a board game tournament, a book themed event, a non-event event (similar to our Bakeless Bake Sale)

m. *Bus Trips*: see item under old business

11) Friends of Connecticut Libraries/ United for Libraries

FOCL – June 10th is the FOCL Annual Meeting at Middlesex Community College. The guest speakers will be the author and the photographer of Traprock Landscape of New England and the photographs are described as “stunning”.

United for Libraries – discussions are centering around book sale volunteers who are dealers and whether they should sign a non-compete clause. Also sales are dropping at book sales across the country. Some groups are having luck combining it with a town event, a garage sale or a plant sale.

12) Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm

Upcoming Friends’ Meetings: 6/14/17 (Annual Meeting), 7/12/17 (Budget Meeting), 8/9/17 (if needed).

Footnotes Mailing Dates: 8/17/17 (S/O)

Respectfully submitted

Natalie Harbeson, acting secretary