

**Friends of the Poughkeepsie Library District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
16 November 2005 *Draft***

Members present: Betty Bakker, Peter Bergamo, Suzanne Christensen (President), Christine Cuttler (Treasurer), Mary Desole, David Ferenz, Susan Hackett, Susan Hill, Jackie Klein (Vice President), Mark Nelson (Secretary), Fred Shaeffer, Murray Solomon, Jennifer Teague, Frank Van Zanten.

PPLD representatives present: Janet Huen, Lauren Muffs, Dora Shistler

The President called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M. The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as published, with the clarification that the \$12.50 cost for the annual meeting is a per-person fee.

President's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: The October Treasurer's Report was accepted as published. We have done very well with tote bag sales. We have placed a second order for bags. We paid \$689.46 for the voter postcard.

PPLD Report: Both funding proposals passed. However, this year, the vote was closer than it has been in the past. The \$700K funding for SEQR allows the planning for the new library to begin. The FPPLD is asked to support the district 14 December at 7PM for "Open Scoping" session at the MLS Auditorium. At this meeting, residents are invited to express their support and concerns with the proposed new facility. The PPLD is looking for volunteers to assist with the logistics of the annual appeal. Volunteers will be required in the first or second week of December. The PPLD is sponsoring a traveling exhibit on Alexander Hamilton 17 January through 23 February, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Alexander Hamilton traveling exhibits. Docents are required for the morning.

The PPLD has investigated the insurance issue. While the High Street facility is covered under the PPLD umbrella liability policy, the FPPLD needs to acquire contents insurance. The PPLD has provided the FPPLD with a list of the items that the FPPLD has funded. The PPLD is very grateful for our support.

Beginning in December, the PPLD will allow people to join the FPPLD online, using PayPal.

Committee Reports:

- **Nominating Committee:** (Peter, Mary): We have seven vacancies and seven candidates, with an eighth potential candidate.
- **Book Sale Committee:** (Suzanne for Frank): Frank went down to White Plains and picked up books from Gannett for the Holiday Sale. The Holiday Sale is on track for a sale at Locust Grove. Setup is Thursday, 1 December, with a sale on 2-4 December. Suzanne will leave flyers at High Street. For the next sale, Peter will continue to work with Marist College to explore the possibility of using Marist as a location for the Fall Sale.

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The Committee is continuing to look at our High Street operations. We need to determine if we are going to continue sorting through the winter months and incur the horrendous electric delivery charges.

- **Program Committee** (Susan): Annual meeting planning is on track. FPPLD members are encouraged to bring friends to the meeting. Note that the annual meeting is the first Wednesday of the month, Wednesday, 7 December. This is also our annual meeting at which we will have our elections. Volunteers for the meeting may be required. If so, Susan will be contacting board members for assistance.
- **By-Law Committee** (Suzanne for Frank): The language of the by-laws requires that a written notification of the exact changes proposed. While the FPPLD could send the proposed by-law changes by e-mail, only a fraction (approximately 20%) have an e-mail address on file. Therefore, a hardcopy of the proposed changes must be distributed.

The FPPLD should consider mailings such as this as a means to get feedback from our members.

- Murray: A postcard for the annual meeting, mystery Mondays, and the Holiday Book Sale has been designed and will be mailed out to be in our mailboxes by 25 November. Copies of the postcard will be available in Adriaance and Arlington.

The President adjourned the meeting at 6:06 PM.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM at the MHLS Auditorium on **Wednesday, 7 December, 2005.**