

Friends of the Poughkeepsie Library District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
15 March 2006 *Draft*

Members present: Bronwen Beaudette, Peter Bergamo, Gail Brittain, Sue Brooke, Suzanne Christensen (President), Christine Cuttler, Gayle Garin, Susan Hackett, Jackie Klein (Vice President), Mark Nelson (Secretary), Richard Placke, Fred Schaeffer, Murray Solomon, and Karl Zetterholm. **PPLD representatives present:** Anne Constantinople, Tom Lawrence. **Committee Chairs present:** Frank Van Zanten.

The President called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented our February 2006 report. Expenses included \$160 for our bulk mailing permit and \$1,564 in printing expenses for the Annual Appeal. The Treasurer's report was accepted as published, with the exception of the "Cash Analysis" section which will be updated for the March report.

President's Report: Area library Friends groups are meeting on Tuesday, 28 March, 6:30 PM-8:00PM at the Starr Library in Rhinebeck. The intent of the meeting is to provide feedback on the Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) five-year plan. Details and registration information is at <http://www.midhudson.org>.

Any changes which are required to the FPPLD Board of Directors list must be forwarded to Suzanne immediately. A final version will be prepared by the next meeting. Committee memberships have been finalized. Committee chairs are asked to call their committees and report back to Suzanne. After our 17 May FPPLD Board Meeting, Rebekka Smith will discuss effective advocacy.

PPLD (Brownen Beaudette, Tom Lawrence): The PPLD advancement committee will be speaking to the FPPLD board at the April meeting to discuss such topics as how the FPPLD and PPLD can work together. The PPLD continues to look at addressing the space issues now that Southwood is not a viable option.

The Hamilton Exhibit was exceedingly successful. The PPLD is co-sponsoring a display of Anne Frank at Locust Grove in April.

Junior League of Poughkeepsie has agreed to assist the pre-school learning center with over \$30,000 of committed funding. Due to space constraints, this will be placed at the Family Partnership Center. This brings the library into the community.

The Read Aloud night is on Wednesday, 5 April at 7:00 PM. Four future chefs from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) will be the readers. The event will be in the board meeting room at Adriance. The CIA is providing all of the food, which will be tied to the books which are being read.

Use of online PPLD references is growing very quickly. The PPLD provided 74,000 items to member libraries. The PPLD desperately needs more space. Every available space in the Town of Poughkeepsie is being pursued.

The PPLD presented its request for 2005 funding. The request was for \$15,000, \$10,000 of which is to provide "District Wide Adult and Children's Programming" and \$5,000 for the "Preschool Learning Center", specifically the creation of a loft environment. With the uncertainty of the space plans for the library, the PPLD is not requesting any substantial capital items, with the expectation that the FPPLD make a significant donation to the PPLD capital campaign.

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Committee Reports:

Book Sale: (Frank Van Zanten): The committee is focused on finding a space for our next book sale. Peter Bergamo has been actively seeking any available space in the Poughkeepsie area. Unfortunately, while there are some possibilities, nothing has panned out yet. The committee would prefer to stay with a first weekend after September. We expect to have well over 100,000 volumes for sale.

South Hills Mall (SHM) has not announced their future plans for the mall. If SHM can commit to allowing us to use the space in September in April, we will use SHM. Marist College has agreed to let us use the smaller gym (8,000-9,000 sq. ft.) for the 8-14 June time frame. This space restricts the book number of books that we can offer for sale. Casperkill has 25,000 sq. ft. available across three rooms, which would require the careful sorting and delivery of materials. The former Miron Lumber (now Gold's Gym) is 40,000 sq. ft. and may be available. It is not convenient to Route 9. Pricing and availability have not been determined. Parking may be an issue.

Other locations have been contacted: Shop Rite on Route 44 remains a possibility. Frank's Nursery and Treasure Island are not available. A few locations in Fishkill have been explored, but they are too far south for our sale.

Dick Placke has arranged for the transportation of donations from Arlington and Adriance to High Street.

We are set for the December sale at Locust Grove. We have a critical shortage of sorters at High Street. A training session for new sorters will be held on 11 April, 2006, 1:30-3:00 PM at High Street. The publicity committee will be issuing a general press release announcing the session.

Fund Development (Christine Cuttler): The annual appeal deadline is 31 March. As of today, we 440 contributors have donated over \$23,500.

Publicity (Suzanne Christensen for Ruth Detjen): The Publicity committee has worked out its operating process. The committee will be responsible for handling all press releases and announcement materials and will handle the membership brochure and display board. For the book sale, the book sale committee will be responsible for the book-sale specific items (for example, lawn signs and banners), and the publicity committee will handle announcements. Flyer creation remains under discussion.

New Business

A motion to fund the PPLD request as written for \$15,000, \$10,000 of which is to provide "District Wide Adult and Children's Programming" and \$5,000 for the "Preschool Learning Center" passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM. The next meeting will be on 19 April 2006 at 5:30 PM at Adriance Memorial Library.