

Friends of the Poughkeepsie Library District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
17 May 2006 *Draft*

Members present: Bronwen Beaudette, Peter Bergamo, Gail Brittain, Sue Brooke, Suzanne Christensen (President), Christine Cuttler, Ruth Detjen, David Ferenz, Gayle Garin, Susan Hackett, Pat Haugh, Jackie Klein (Vice President), Ruth Ann Miller, Mark Nelson (Secretary), Richard Placke, Murray Solomon, Norma Torney, and Karl Zetterholm. **PPLD representatives present:** Anne Constantinople, Tom Lawrence, Theresa Kerin, Lauren Muffs, Debora Shon.

The President called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M. The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented our April 2006 report. Highlights are: \$14,000 was received from the Junior League for the Family Partnership Center. We received \$2,825.00 in Annual Appeal contributions will go towards the 2006-2007 Annual Appeal. Disbursements for March included \$550 for our High Street rent, \$53 to Central Hudson for utilities, \$106 for Mystery Monday books, and \$16.16 in book sort materials. We currently have \$132,939 in cash assets, a substantial portion of which is in restricted grants. We have filed for an automatic extension on for our submission of IRS Form 990 ("Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax") and NY State form CHAR550 ("Annual Form for Charitable Organizations").

President's Report: We now have a small space in the basement at Adriance, complete with a desk and phone. We are considering acquiring a laptop through donation or grant. We are working through the 20,000-plus Billings books. The quality of these books is outstanding, with many first edition books. We need to examine each book and establish its value to assure that each book is appropriately priced. We are considering internet sales for those books which will have regional appeal outside of our area and for those books which did not sell at the last sale and which are worth more than \$2.00.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee (David Ferenz): The committee has met and will report at a future meeting.

Membership Committee (Susan Hackett): The committee has met and will report at a future meeting.

Book Sale Committee (Suzanne for Frank Van Zanten): We have received multiple oral commitments from South Hills Mall and are awaiting the written contract. The sale will be in the former Media Play store on Friday, 15 September through Tuesday, 19 September. Note that this is the third weekend of September. This date is a change from our traditional sale dates. We expect to have 120,000 to 125,000 books for sale. We have more than doubled the number of regular sorters and have added afternoon sorting slots. New volunteers are picking up our sorting process.

PPLD (Tom Lawrence, Deborah Shon): The Anne Frank exhibit is underway and is receiving an overwhelmingly positive response. Special programs are scheduled for the next three Thursday evenings.

Two weeks ago, the PPLD surveyed patrons at the Arlington branch to see where people came from, how they got to the library, and if there were any problems, such as parking. Several

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FPPLD members volunteered to help with the survey, The PPLD is analyzing the results.

The preparation of the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) continues, with a draft expected within the next two weeks. The public will be invited to comment on the proposal (parking, traffic, drainage, etc.) with the intent to have the final report completed in mid-August. Since the Adriance building is on the New York Register of Historic Places, there may be additional requirements landmark requirements.

Based on the success of the Hamilton exhibit in February, the PPLD has been given the honor of hosting the Abraham Lincoln exhibit in 2009. This is a major accomplishment for the library.

The PPLD is working on getting Gregory Maguire, author of Wicked, as a speaker in the fall. Mr. McGuire's fee is beyond that which the PPLD can afford, so the PPLD is looking at partnering with local colleges, such as Vassar College, Dutchess Community College, and Marist College.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 21 June 2006 at 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Adriance Memorial Library.