

Friends of the Poughkeepsie Library District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
19 June 2006 **Draft**

Members present: Peter Bergamo, Gail Brittain, Sue Brooke, Suzanne Christensen (President), Ruth Detjen, Gayle Garin, Susan Hackett, Julius Jones, Jackie Klein (Vice President), Ruth Ann Miller, Mark Nelson (Secretary), Richard Placke, Murray Solomon, and Karl Zetterholm.

PPLD representatives present: Tom Lawrence, Theresa Kerin, and Debora Shon.

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

Treasurer's Report: We are in the process of moving our checking account to another bank. The restricted Strba funds need to be rolled into a new term CD. The May treasurer's report was accepted as published.

President's Report: The Anne Frank exhibit was a complete success, due in part to the volunteers from the FPPLD who generously gave their time to the exhibit, which drew over 18,000 visitors. The next FPPLD meeting is a joint meeting with the PPLD board, with the intent of having the PPLD Expansion Committee present their expansion plans. This meeting is tentatively set for the MLS Auditorium during our regular FPPLD board meeting: Wednesday, 19 July, from 5:30 to 7:00. Please note the extended meeting time.

During a recent robbery at the Arlington branch, approximately \$100 to \$125 of FPPLD "book bag" funds were stolen, along with other items owned by the PPLD. We are reviewing our cash handling process to ensure that we don't leave such a large sum of money in any branch.

Our work area at Adriance now has our own lockable file cabinet, which was purchased for \$99 (used). The "Friends Matter" event has been postponed until 12 October.

The FPPLD, the 501c3 fundraising and advocacy "arm" of the PPLD, has been asked by the PPLD to submit a grant application for \$9,000 in funding for a \$100,000 software upgrade. The FPPLD Executive Committee recommends not submitting the grant request as it implies that the FPPLD has reviewed the software acquisition.

Committee Reports:

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

Membership Committee (Suzanne for Norma Torney): The committee met on 12 June and discussed the membership databases and the ways that we solicit memberships. The committee report was accepted as published.

Book Sale Committee (Suzanne for Frank Van Zanten): We have received the contract for the South Hills Mall space, but are not ready to sign it yet, due to the ten (10) day cancellation clause. Frank is working with the South Hills Mall management team to see if we can have that clause either eliminated or the time frame expanded.

We are sorting a large volume of books each day at High Street. With all of the activity and all of the books we are beginning to see air quality problems. Some sorters are reporting allergic responses to the

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air. Some sorters have limited their time and others have begun wearing masks. We are experiencing a slight drop-off in book donations. Due to the backlog of books, this will not impact the September sale, but might impact future sales. After September, we may have to address how to increase donations.

The Book Sale Committee has identified the requirements for a replacement sorting facility. We need to step-up our search for a replacement facility.

Program Committee (Suzanne): The Program Committee has schedule a “Mystery/Literacy Tour of Greenwich Village” on Thursday, 5 October. The bus costs between \$15 and \$20 per person. The bus departs Poughkeepsie at 8:00 AM and returns from Greenwich Village at 3:30 PM. The event is a “rain or shine” event/ There are three tour guides who ride the bus for free and for whom the FPPLD is providing lunch.

A motion to make the fee for the event \$35 for those who register by 20 September and \$40 for all registrations made afterwards passed unanimously.

PPLD (Tom Lawrence): The Rotunda has been published with the results from the Annual Appeal. The appeal gained almost 50 new donors this year. Theresa Kerin is leaving the PPLD to join the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie. Registration for the summer reading program is going well. The library is sponsoring a special exhibit starting 12 November in recognition of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Ben Franklin.

The Adriance redesign will be presented to the public at a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on Monday, 26 June at 7PM at the MLS Auditorium. With the demise of Southwood, the Adriance project has added approximately 4,000 sq. ft. to the original plan to make up for the lost Southwood space. The PPLD is pursuing a location in the Town of Poughkeepsie as the next phase of the expansion plan. After the Monday meeting, written comments will be accepted until 11 July. The FPPLD should submit a written statement during this comment period.

The Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce has a monthly “Contact Breakfast” from 7:30 AM until 9:00 AM. Not for profits may schedule a table at this meeting. The PPLD has a table at the 18 October meeting and is giving the table to the FPPLD. Representatives are needed to man this table. The hours required are from 7:00 AM until 9:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 19 July 2006 at 5:30 PM to **7:00 PM** at the **MLS Auditorium**.