

**Friends of the Poughkeepsie Library District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
20 February 2007**

Members present: Bronwen Beaudette, Peter Bergamo, Suzanne Christensen (President), Christine Cuttler (Treasurer), Suzanne Gillespie, Larry Hughes, Julius Jones, Jackie Klein, Mark Nelson (Secretary), Margaret Oettle, Ray Polivka, Richard Placke, Rocco Staino, Norma Torney, and Karl Zetterholm.

PPLD representatives present: Anne Constantinople, Janet Huen, Garreth Davies. Lauren Muffs, Chad Patterson, and Debora Shon.

The President called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report (Christine): January receipts included \$930 for membership, \$11,534 for the Annual Appeal, and \$330 in contributions. Expenses included \$32 for electricity at High Street, \$850 for rent for High Street, and, \$50 for rent for the annual meeting. Our total cash in hand us \$22,508 in restricted funds and \$91,146 in unrestricted funds. To date (from 10 April 2006), the Annual Appeal has raised over \$24,000.

The January Treasurer's report was accepted as published.

President's Report (Suzanne): We continue to search for a book sale location. Since South Hills Mall (SHM) may not be available for the fall sale, we have spoken to Gold's Gym. They have a 41,000 sq. ft. "field house" building that might be available for rent. The space would not be available for the same length of time that we have had at SHM. Peter Bergamo has been in touch with the landlord of the store across from Marist College. While it is available now, it might not be by the time of the meeting.

We have looked at a warehouse at 253 North Grand Avenue ("Derf Industries") as a replacement for High Street. We would be in the back of the building. We have not discussed pricing. Other sites are being investigated.

Library Lobby Day is on Tuesday, 13 March 2007. We are being asked to sponsor a bus to get attendees to Albany. In addition to our sponsorship, we are being asked to send members on the trip visit legislators. For more information on Lobby Day, visit <http://midhudson.org>.

The Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) sponsored a "Friends" networking meeting which several FPPLD board members attended. MHLS offers a number of services to "Friends" groups which we will be using in the future.

The volunteer training for the book sale, which was scheduled for March, is being rescheduled to April. This is a change over that which was in the Rotunda.

This year's Library Week is 16-23 April. The theme is Arthur the Aardvark's 10th birthday. Volunteer readers will be from the library staff. The FPPLD traditionally provides refreshments.

In May, the MHLS will have library trustees from the area meeting for a networking and education workshop. Each FPPLD board member is asked to read FOLUSA documents #11 ("The Role of Trustees") and #10 ("The Role of the Friends Board").

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The American Library Association (ALA) has its annual meeting in June.

Rotunda articles are due this week.

Due to the resignation of David Ferenz, we have an opening on the board. Please forward candidate names to Suzanne or Norma.

Committee Reports:

Advancement and Annual Appeal Committee: (Christine): Contributions continue to come in. A mailing will be sent to those who have contributed in the past but not to this campaign

Program Committee (Suzanne): We are repeating the bus trip to Greenwich Village in early May. We are also starting up a “Genre Fiction” series on Wednesday evenings at Arlington. Experts, discussion leaders, and panelists are needed. If you are interested, please contact Suzanne.

PPLD Report (Brownen): The PPLD is looking for temporary space. The PPLD expects to announce a temporary location in April. The library will be closed for about a month, starting in October. The plan is for Adriance to be reopened in very late 2009. There is a Jazz Festival series planned for Wednesday evenings in April. The Peter Bergamo movie series starts in March.

Committee Assignments: (Suzanne): Committee assignments and the updated Board Membership and Contact list have been distributed. Board Members are asked to ensure that their contact information is correct. Each committee chair is asked to verify the committee membership and let Suzanne know of the committee meeting schedule. Each board member is expected to serve on at least two committees.

The purpose of the “Ad Hoc” committee is to focus on ensuring that our committees are working productively together. One first task is to take the FOLUSA documents and tailor them for the FPPLD.

If there is to be a FPPLD Board Meeting cancellation due to weather, an e-mail will be sent to all FPPLD Board Members. The PPLD will be notified as well. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 21 March, at 5:30 PM at Adriance.