

Friends of the Poughkeepsie Library District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
21 March 2007

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

PPLD representatives present: Janet Huen and Lauren Muffs. **Others Present:** Frank Van Zanten.

The President called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as published with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report (Christine): February receipts included \$120 for membership, \$2,243 for the Annual Appeal, \$275 in contributions, and \$28 for tote bags. Expenses included \$3,595 in mailing expenses for the Annual Appeal, \$850 for rent for High Street, and \$300 in mailing expenses. The February Treasurer's report was accepted as published.

President's Report (Suzanne): Committees which wish to use either Arlington or Adriance for committee meetings should request the meetings through Suzanne. Committees can use informal meeting locations, such as local restaurants, churches, the Manor at Woodside, and private homes. The 2007 FPPLD Budget has been distributed for review. Library Lobby Day was successful event.

We are investigating the use of the internet to sell books. Possibilities include managing the sale ourselves or using a vendor (such as BetterWorld books).

Committee Reports:

Nominating (Peter): The committee has nominated Katie Coulter to complete David Ferenz's term. The committee's nomination was approved unanimously by the board.

Membership (Suzanne): The membership committee has taken responsibility for mailing out FPPLD membership acknowledgements. FPPLD Board Members are asked to contact local businesses to solicit donations for a raffle for FPPLD members.

The Membership Committee has been asked to consider a "group" (not for profit), "business", or "corporate" level FPPLD membership

Program Committee (Suzanne): We are repeating the bus trip to Greenwich Village in early May. The fee for the bus trip is \$35 for members and non-members. We are also starting up a "Genre Fiction" series on Wednesday evenings in May at Arlington. Experts, discussion leaders, and panelists are needed. If you are interested, please contact Suzanne. While the committee has focused on fiction, the committee wishes to expand on non-fiction topics. The PPLD has received a grant to sponsor creative non-fiction. The program will consist of author presentations and workshops.

Book Sale (Frank): Helpers are needed. The sort training date is 19 April. Donations are piling up. High Street is getting warmer. The committee continues to search for a new storage facility.

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PPLD Report (Bronwnen): The PPLD has submitted a \$20K grant request for the “Big Read”, which is a community discussion of a single book, “To Kill a Mockingbird”. The PPLD has special programming focusing on Jazz in April and May. The Junior League of Poughkeepsie is preparing to contribute an additional \$8K to support children’s programming. This contribution brings their commitment to \$40K. The PPLD continues to work out the options for temporary space for the move. A decision is required by April. Terri O’Shea is the new FPPLD representative to the PPLD.

The Rotunda has gone to the press and should be in patron’s hands next week. Arthur the Aardvark is coming to Poughkeepsie on Tuesday, 17 April, from 7 to 8 PM. Children are encouraged to attend. Suzanne has approached a local deli for light refreshments.

A motion for the FPPLD to sponsor “cookie-type” refreshments for the annual “Read Aloud” event in the amount of \$50 passed unanimously.

Committee Assignments (Suzanne): Revised committee assignments were distributed. The planning committee is looking at additional fundraising opportunities.

Fundraising: (Suzanne): The committee is looking at ways to put the “fun” in fund raising. Events such as an auction are being considered.

Mark Nelson has applied for an “IBM Fund for Community Service” grant for a ThinkPad.

Peter Bergamo reported on our search for a book sale and sorting/storage facility. Peter is discussing with Stop and Shop regarding the use of their 60,000 square foot site and will have an answer for us within the near future. Gold’s Gym has offered us their space for \$10,000.

The search for a new sorting and storage site continues. The Krackower building, Superior Walls, and a site on North Grand Avenue are all being considered.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 18 April 2007, at 5:30 PM at Adriance.