

**Friends of the Poughkeepsie Library District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
18 April 2007**

Members present: Bronwen Beaudette, Peter Bergamo, Gail Brittain, Suzanne Christensen (President), Katie Coulter, Christine Cuttler (Treasurer), Suzanne Gillespie, Dr. Pat Haugh, Julius Jones, Jackie Klein, Mark Nelson (Secretary), Margaret Oettle, Terri O'Shea, Richard Placke, Ray Polivka, Murray Solomon, and Karl Zetterholm.

PPLD representatives present: Anne Constantinople and Gareth Davies.

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): We received a \$8,010.00 contribution from the Junior League. Annual Appeal receipts totaled \$5,515, \$140 for bus trip receipts, and \$450 for membership. Expenses included \$850 for rent for High Street, \$789 in book sale expenses for September and December, and \$253 for Donald Westlake Books. The March Treasurer's report was accepted as published.

President's Report (Suzanne): We welcome Katie Coulter to the board! The 3rd Wednesday of the Month in November falls on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. We are looking at moving the Board Meeting to the Wednesday before, which would be 14 November at a location TBD.

The "Arthur" read-aloud was a standing-room-only success. We presented a \$31,542 check to Tom Lawrence at the event. Volunteer training at High Street is tomorrow from 1:00 to 3:00. We are planning a retraining session for existing sorters. The Greenwich Village bus trip has reached its break-even point. The genre-fiction series begins next month.

Committee Reports:

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

Membership (Suzanne C. for Ruth Ann): Updated board lists were distributed. The committee recommends that there be no corporate membership. The committee is planning a membership drive. A new "invitation" letter has been drafted. A part of the drive is a lottery for prizes.

Ad-Hoc Committee (Suzanne C.): One of the missions of this committee is to handle issues which arise and need to be handled prior to the next meeting.

Book Sale (Mark): The book sale committee is asked to revise the book sale budget and recommend a top-dollar figure for a space for approval at the board meeting. The number of sorters that we have is down compared to last year, while the volume of books has not decreased.

Fund Raising (Suzanne G.): The committee is evaluating options for a fund-raising auction. Any member who has experience with an auction of this type or has suggestions for auction items should contact Suzanne Gillespie.

PPLD Report (Brownen, Terri): Terri O'Shea was introduced to the PPLD as the FPPLD representative. The PPLD continues to evaluate temporary locations. Adirance is to be empty by

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October, which means that the move has to begin in the June/July time frame. We expect that the PPLD board will vote on a temporary location within the next week. The deadline for The Rotunda is 27 April. Articles should be sent to Murray by the 24 April.

Peter Bergamo reported on our search for a book sale site. We are waiting to hear from Stop and Shop. The Ames space has been rented, but there are other locations in the plaza that are available. The Civic Center will let us know about any availability. The search also continues for storage/sorting facility.

Suzanne C. has investigated our insurance situation. The Ralph Ellis agency insures the FPPLD as a part of the PPLD. However, the FPPLD does not have its own "Directors and Officers" insurance, liability coverage for High Street, or employee coverage. We need to get riders on the PPLD insurance policy to protect our interests. Suzanne will meet with again with the Ellis agency to further identify our needs and options.

The PPLD is inviting large donors, such as the FPPLD, to pick areas in the new library to be named in honor of the donor. The preliminary list of naming opportunities was distributed to board members. About half of the FPPLD board has given feedback on what should be named for the FPPLD in recognition of our \$250,000 pledge. The rest of the board is asked to do so as soon as is possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 16 May 2007 at 5:30 PM at Adriance.