

**Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District  
Board of Directors  
Minutes of Annual Meeting  
December 17, 2004**

There were 36 people in attendance.

**President Sparling** called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. in the Mid-Hudson Library System Auditorium. He welcomed all the new members, returning Board members, and the public. He described 2004 as an "outstanding year" for the Friends, for these reasons:

1. Our Booksale in September was our most successful ever, in terms of number of books, and amount of money raised. Our Holiday Sale in December also was our most successful Holiday Sale, in terms of funds raised.
2. Our Program Committee did an outstanding job, offering quality programs such as the Weedless Gardening program, James Bleecker's Hudson River photography presentation, the Great New York Read Aloud, the Mystery Monday book discussions, and participation in street fairs and community events.

He asked for a round of applause for the Program Committee members: Jenny Teague, Chairperson, Susan Hill, and Mary Desole, and for Frank Van Zanten as coordinator of the Booksale.

He also noted that with success and growth, planning needs to be done, and a Book Sale Task Force has been formed to examine the book sales and look toward the future.

**PPLD Report** - Lauren Muffs thanked all the Friends for their hard work and dedication.. She said that Tom Lawrence had three words for the group - thank you, thank you, and thank you. She said that the library district appreciates all the time we spend volunteering, and all the programs. She closed by saying that what the Friends' have done makes a difference.

**Nominating Committee** - Norma Torney distributed a handout with biographies of the six new Board members: Ruth Detjen, David Ferenz, Susan Hackett, Mark Nelson, John Glasse, and Fred Schaeffer. She welcomed the new members in attendance, and asked for a motion to accept these people as new Board members. Christine Cuttler moved and Betty Bakker seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

She said the nominating committee nominated Suzanne Christensen as President. Barbara Hespenheide moved and Jackie Klein seconded the nomination for President, and the motion was voted on and approved unanimously. Norma then said that Jackie Klein has agreed to serve another year as vice-president, and Christine Cuttler will serve another year as treasurer. The committee was unable to find someone to agree to serve as our secretary, but she hoped to have someone volunteer as secretary very soon.

James Bleecker gave a very interest talk on the Hudson River and the Hudson Valley. He showed us slides of his paintings, and spoke about some of the sites shown in his work. He also told us about using Photoshop, a computer program that he uses to enhance his photographs. He received a round of applause from an appreciative audience.

Reed Sparling closed the meeting by acknowledging our outgoing members: Barbara Hespenheide, Mark Pastreich, Arthur Pulsoni, Deb Eisberg, and Gae Hutton, and noted that he also was leaving the Friends' Board, but would continue to help with the book sales. The group gave a round of applause for all the outgoing members, and for Reed as president.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Christensen  
Secretary