

**Friends of the Poughkeepsie Library District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
19 January 2005**

Members present: Betty A. Bakker, Peter Bergamo, Suzanne Christensen, Christine Cuttler, Ruth Detjen, Gayle Garin, John Glasse, Susan Hackett, Susan Hill, Jackie Klein, Mark Nelson, Murray Solomon, Jenny Teague, and Norma Tormey. PPLD representatives: Janet Huen, Lauren Muffs and Roland Skip Patterson.

Members absent: Mary Desole, David Ferenz, Wanda Mitchell, Isaac Rubin, Fred Schaeffer, Noel Tepper and Frank Van Zanten.

Observers present: Myra Morales and Dora Schisler.

President Report: Suzanne Christensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed the new board members present: Ruth Detjen, John Glasse, Mark Nelson and Sue Hackett. The new board members re-introduced themselves individually. Suzanne and Betty Bakker informed the Board that Frank Van Zanten is in the hospital since last Monday. Frank is feeling better and is expected to return home shortly. We all wish him well.

The minutes of the 17 November 2004 were accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Cuttler reported that the Book Sale receipts generated \$12,195.40. The George Strba Charitable Trust has contributed a \$5,000.00 grant. Annual Appeal receipts totaled \$9, 223.00 and the appeal is going very well. Our December receipts included \$6620 in membership dues.

Chris stated that the state government has new accounting procedures for non-profit organizations. With net assets of \$132,000 as of 31 December 2004, our state registration fee will increase by a small amount.

Skip Patterson questioned whether all or most of the FPPLD's money should be disbursed by 31 December each year to alleviate any additional taxes that could and might be levied on the organization.

Book Sale Task Force: Susan Hill reported that the Task Force interviewed Frank Van Zanten and Chris Cuttler and they are halfway done collecting data.

Gayle Garin asked if they are considering the option of a bookstore as well. Suzanne Christensen suggested that a separate Book Store Task Force be created to study the feasibility of opening a store.

Old Business

Committee Reports:

Fund Development: No report at this time

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Advancement Committee: Will meet tomorrow in the Meeting Room of the Arlington Branch Library.

Book Sale Committee: Suzanne Christensen reported that there will be a meeting in two weeks for the book sorters. More heaters have been added to 35 High St. and the landlord advised them to keep them running continuously for 48 hours to take the chill out. The Book Sale committee needs ceramic space heaters to use while the sorters are working. The heaters could be donations or they could be purchased. The sorting continues every day from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Volunteers might be needed to transport books from Adriance to 35 High St. while Frank is recuperating.

Program Committee: Jenny Teague reported on the \$7.00 book bags to be sold at the check out in the library. She will bring some to the next meeting. Jenny declared the James Bleecker lecture at the December 2004 meeting as a success. The committee is low on flyers and needs to order more.

Suzanne Christensen reported on Mystery Mondays. There were 14 attendees at the December 2004 session. The 31 January Mystery Monday features author Steve Hamilton and his work "A Cold Day in Paradise". Mr. Hamilton is not asking for an honorarium. Two more sessions are planned for February and March. Skip Patterson asked for a definition of "success" and Suzanne stated that more than 5 attendees constitute a successful session. Skip asked if it is still a success if the same people attend each session. Suzanne said yes.

PPLD representatives reported that New York State is not officially sponsoring the Read Aloud program this year. The library will host its own Read Aloud program without NYS sponsorship. They have to change the date to Thursday, 14 April at 7 P.M. so the Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor can attend.

New Business

Suzanne passed out a list of committees and asked the board members to select three committees in order of preference and to phone or email one's choices to her by the first week of February. A list of the current committees may be found at http://www.pokfriends.org/ppld_bod2.html. A Book Store Task Force was added to the list and any other additions will be discussed next month.

Chris Cuttler proposed a resolution that Jackie Klein and Suzanne Christensen both be signers for FPPLD's bank accounts. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chris had two additional items for discussion. She would like to purchase Quik Books for non-profits and will research the cost. Also, she feels the Friends' should have a credit card to expedite the purchase of supplies. She will contact banks and do some research.

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Suzanne requested that every committee keep minutes and present a written report to the Board.

Jenny Teague requested if the meeting time could be changed to a later time, such as 6:00 or 6:30 P.M.. It was pointed out that a later start time would conflict with evening programming in the library. Suzanne stated that the problem should be tabled for now and discussed at the next meeting. Gayle felt that we should have more information about Wednesday night conflicts about time and meeting places before the next meeting.

PPLD Report: Skip stated there is nothing to report tonight as they are meeting tomorrow night. Lauren reported that the Martin Luther King, Jr. program was very well attended. There is a survey online to evaluate the Web site for the PPLD.

The PPLD asks that members take the PPLD web site survey, which can be found at <http://www.poklib.org>.

Peter Bergamo asked for volunteers to help set up a small library in the Hudson River Psychiatric Center's History Museum.

Suzanne adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M..

Next meeting will be Wednesday, 16 February 2005 at the Adriaance Meeting Room at 5:30 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Detjen