

**Friends of the Poughkeepsie Library District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
18 May 2005**

Members present: Suzanne Christensen (President), Ruth Detjen, David Ferenze, John Glasse, Gayle Garin, Susan Hackett, Susan Hill, Jackie Klein (Vice President), Mark Nelson (Secretary), Jenny Teague, Murray Solomon, **PPLD representatives present:** Tom Lawrence.

Members Absent: Betty Bakker, Peter Bergamo, Christine Cuttler, Mary DeSole, Wanda Mitchell, Ike Rubin, Fred Schaeffer, Noel Tepper, Norma Torney, and Frank Van Zanten.

The President called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as corrected.

President's Report: The PPLD invited Suzanne and Frank to hear the new library plans. The FPPLD area is 4,100 sq. ft., which is twice the size of the High Street facility, although with a lower ceiling. Both Adriance and the new building could have ongoing book sales. We will have flexibility on the design of the new space. For example, we may be able to get shelving, walls, etc. set up to fit our needs. Part of that discussion will involve the deciding if we want to have a permanent book sale facility. Members of the FPPLD board are asked to think about how we can use this space. Suzanne has a list of library friend's groups that have bookstores. Members are encouraged to visit one or more of these bookstores. Please contact Suzanne if you are interested.

In addition to the space at the new library, we would have 300 sq. ft. of space at Adriance.

Rebekkah Smith of the Mid-Hudson Library System sent another letter of thanks to us, and reported that the 5% library funding cut was restored as of April 1st.

Treasurer's Report: March income included \$45 in membership receipts and \$1,131.00 in Annual appeal receipts. Expenses included \$288.31 for electric for our High Street storage facility, and \$475.70 in "Mystery Monday" books and office supplies. The April Treasurer's report was approved as published.

PPLD Expansion Report (Tom Lawrence): At the next Library Trustees meeting, the Trustees will be voting on the library expansion plans. The PPLD asks that the FPPLD to consider making a significant pledge of support that can be paid over a multi-year period. In addition, the assistance of the FPPLD is needed to educate the public and evangelize the library expansion.

Committee Reports:

Web Site (Mark N.): Met and reviewed the current content of the web site and discussed the possibility of using the web site vendor as our storage medium for FPPLD materials.

Bylaws (Suzanne): Met and have proposed a set of changes, which were distributed. Board members are asked to review the proposed changes and bring them to the June meeting for discussion.

PPLD Advancement Committee (Suzanne): Working on the documentation and proposals for the planned library expansion. The district continues investigating locations.

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Book Sale Committee: (Suzanne reporting for Frank) On track for a 85,000 to 100,000 volume book sale. The committee may be receiving 20,000 books from an estate.

Book Sale Task Force (Susan Hill): Completed data collection, working on recommendations. The task force should have its recommendations ready by the summer.

Program Committee: (Jenny Teague) Committee has been “e-meeting” via e-mails and phone calls. The next event will be the dedication of the new parking lot, which is expected to be in the September time frame. Book bags are on sale at both Adriance and Arlington, and are selling well. The annual meeting will be on Wednesday, 7 December. The Speaker is Lisa Donnelly, a cartoonist for the New Yorker. Note that the date of this event is right after the Holiday Book Sale (3-5 December). The snow date is Wednesday, 15 December.

Jackie Klein made a motion to approve a \$400 honorarium for Ms. Donnelly. The motion passed unanimously.

PPLD Report: Construction is progressing on the new parking lot. The summer reading program starts on 5 July. This year, the library will be developing recommended reading lists, focusing on the young adult to high school level. The adult programming, such as the Jewish Literature program, *is* very successful. Approximately 20 to 30 people have been attending the program on Jewish literature. In the fall, there will be a video discussion on World War I. The Poetry Program was wildly successful, with 111 entries. All of the submissions were bound together into a volume. The Poetry Program will be an annual event.

The President adjourned the meeting at 6:26 P.M.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, 15 June 2005 at the Adriance Meeting Room at 5:30 P.M.