

Friends of the Dover Library  
Annual Meeting, June 9 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Jane Johnstone, Shelly Windle, Betsey Serjak, Charlotte Canelli, Michelle Donatelli, Janet Williams, Carolyn Ringel, Dorothy Dawson, Jane Schmid, Marlayne Ohare (?), Anita Loscalzo, Amelia Slawsby, Kate Haviland, Cathy Mitchell, Christine Erikson, Lorie Linnell

Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

There was a discussion of available positions:

Artist of the month—possibly to become every six weeks; currently are scheduled through November

Youth series: includes both occasional Saturday morning programming and also new ideas from this year like chess and science classes. Suggestion to expand grade school programming and perhaps cut back on preschool programming as there seems to be a dearth of the former and a glut of the latter in town.

Membership—Jane Schmid is willing to take the task on again; Linda Silvestre is interested in co-chairing this with her who was not able to attend the meeting

Publicity – has remained unfilled but it would be helpful to have a central person coordinating this

The Slate of Officers for 2008-9 was approved unanimously as follows:

President: Lorie Linnell; V.P. Anita Loscalzo; Treasurer, Michelle Donatelli;  
Secretary, Carolyn Ringel

Charlotte and Christine explained the 2008-9 budget and it was approved. Also approved was a proposal for the Friends to write a check to the library for \$24,775 for materials and programming in order to avoid micromanagement of the Friends' funds.

Treasurer's report- up from last year.

Director update: 1) new summer hours- on Fridays the library will open at 8:30 a.m.;  
2) the Library budget was approved at Town meeting (inc. \$8K more for materials and new phone system), 3) a \$20K teen and tweens grant has been applied for; will hear in June  
Proposal to use Library as Community Center; it was decided we need the space for the library

Author Series: Jane Granatino: small crowds indicated a need to revitalize this program, will become "Authors and Issues":

Lyme disease discussion was a hit

Brian Mooney to come in October to discuss presidential race

Sept. autism speaker, October "weird MA" author

New collaboration with DSHS "one book, 2 schools, 3 cups of tea"

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Spelling bee: Cathy Mitchell: huge success, 18 teams; Bee café made over \$1000; Bee words (buy a word and get a gift certificate) also a hit

Left over certificates were made into baskets that made \$685

House Tour: will be Nov. 9; have 4 houses. Tickets at Library or on line.

Membership: Jane Schmid: \$21K brought in. 306 members, 65 new members. Need for new brochure; will be worked on over the summer, \$4000 approved for new printing .  
Sept. mailing; Jan. reminders to “old” members sent

Newsletter: our postal permit needs to be renewed; Michelle will address

New business: Wine tasting October 16, 2008

Debate over purpose of event: invitational thank you or selling tickets to all of town? Idea is to generate excitement about upcoming Friends events and explain to people what the Friends do. Had a vote and decided to sell tickets. We will need to get approval for the alcohol from the Board of Selectman. We have a professional taster coming from Millis who will host the event gratis and we need only buy the wine. Will have baskets for silent auction and House Tour tickets will be sold. Planning committee for this event will meet or teleconference on August 1 at 10 am.

Next meetings:

Friends: Sept. 8 at 9 am

Wine tasting: Aug. 1 at 10 am

Brochure: June 27 at 10 am