

Friends of Rockport Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2016 8:30 AM ~ Marine Room at Rockport Public Library

Present: Ann Filley, Nelda McClellan, Kathleen Meil, Pat Messler, Carol Robinson, Chris Sady and Ben Blackmon, Library Director

Absent: Judy Lindahl

Guests: Jo Desmond, Tracy Murphy, and Bill Chapman

Meeting called to order at 8:32 AM. Welcomed guests.

Announcements, - Discussed a FRPL float at the Rockport 125th Parade. Decided not to do a float.

Secretary's report – Minutes from the June 24 meeting reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's report – Balance on June 30 was \$18,442. Treasurer's report was accepted.

Library Director's report – The Margaret B. Oliver Trust gave a check for \$115,000 to the library - goes into the trust fund endowment.

Ad Hoc Library Planning Committee update – next meets on August 3 – at 11 AM to craft final recommendation for the Select Board.

Aug 8 – make recommendation to Select Board for new building design.

Will be doing public relations within the community to encourage people to vote in November.

Campaign Committee – Members are Charlton Ames, Eliza Haselton, Cheryl Liechty, Pat Messler and Joan Welsh.

Old Business

Membership Campaign Update – Nelda gave an update of membership activity.

Individual	39
Families	67
Patrons	24
Businesses	<u>16</u>
	146

\$345 in total donations to Friends.

2016 Book Sale – Ann prepared a summary of the sale with a wrap-up of 2016 book sale, and suggestions for 2017.

Possibly consider another sale during the year, so we don't have so much volume at the annual sale.

Discussed use of a tally of boxes as they go into storage.

Storage possibilities – discussed storage options.

- Shepard's in Thomaston – available in August
- Country Storage in Lincolnville 5x5 and 8 high for \$37 per month
- Buy a trailer

Will continue discussion at August meeting.

New sorting house space - Discussed possible need for new sorting space in the future. More research will be needed.

Benefit Concert July 23

FRPL provides supper to band at 6 pm – Pat has arranged sandwiches from Megunticook Market and will get beverages.

New Business

Insurance for our Board – Allen Agency info on D&O.

We will have rep come to our Sept meeting.

Action: Approved up to \$450 to purchase insurance if needed before next meeting.

Party for Volunteers –

Opera House 3- 5 PM, date to be determined by availability

Date: Wed Aug 17.

Committee: Nelda, Chris and Ann - Refreshments, logistics, invitations by email

Budget is \$220

Seafaring Series – Pat checking on October dates to reserve the Opera House.

Suggestions for speakers: Linda Greenlaw, Jon Wilson (Wooden Boat magazine and School), John Eaton (Tilbury House), Stan Grayson, Tom Babbitt (their cruise last winter), Bob Bronco (Naval perspective), Seacoast Mission speaker, Abby Kidder (World Ocean School, uses Roseway Schooner), Steve Callanan – was adrift for 78 days.

Action: Pat will talk to Linda Greenlaw first and then Tom and Jane Babbitt.

Next Meeting date: Friday, August, 26 at 8:30 AM – Marine Room at the Library.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Sady, Secretary