

**Minutes of a meeting of the
FRIENDS OF CANAAN TOWN LIBRARY
November 9, 2009
Canaan Town Library, Canaan, NH**

Present: Barbara Bickel, Joanna Carr, Patsy Carter, Pat Danielson, Sharry Keller, Nancy Loomis, Cindy Neily, Susan Quinlan, Ann Wadsworth, Karen Wolk

President Susan Quinlan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Susan introduced a new steering committee member, Barbara Bickel

The minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting were unanimously accepted as presented. Karen suggested that everyone review emailed copies of the minutes prior to the next meeting in order to facilitate addition/corrections/approval. Susan will also email a proposed agenda prior to meetings.

Susan expressed thanks to Pat Danielson, outgoing President and Nancy Loomis, outgoing Treasurer for their efforts on behalf of the Friends of the Library during our inaugural year. Both will remain as Steering Committee members and Pat is our new Treasurer.

Report of the Treasurer:

Bank balance remains \$2532.57. New expense noted is \$30.00 expended by Susan Quinlan for the drapery fabric samples.

Review of current Projects:

Bike rack: Sharry has a catalog, which Amy indicated may or may not be the best source of bike racks, and will investigate possibilities for purchase in the spring 2010.

Amy suggests rack capacity of four bikes.

Library Draperies: Staff reviewed the samples obtained by Susan and none were acceptable. Perhaps the Weaver's cloth panels from Country Curtains will be the best option as investigation of other sources (Tammy Terry, new shop on Route 4 discounted drapery fabric \$18.00 a yard fabric only and another seamstress \$40 a panel labor only) are much more expensive. Country Curtains can make unlined Weaver's cloth curtains of the appropriate size for \$104 a pair, labor and fabric included.

There was discussion that final drapery decisions should wait until library renovation is closer to completion so that we know the wall color and also avoid construction dust on new drapes. Amy feels they can manage for now with current drapes in spite of their poor condition.

Barbara made a motion **to wait until renovation project is closer to completion before making final drapery decision**, seconded by Nancy. The motion was unanimously accepted.

There was discussion of what to do with the \$1,400.00 previously allocated for

the drapes while we are waiting approximately a year for the renovation to be completed. Barbara made a motion **that the Treasurer should investigate the investment instrument that will yield the highest interest on the \$1,400. for nine months**, seconded by Nancy. The motion was unanimously accepted. We also concluded that when the time comes, the Library staff will make the fabric decision.

Landscaping project: Susan thanked Nancy for planting bulbs and Nancy and Tom for fall clean-up of our flower beds.

There was discussion of next phase, which will address section A (area closest to Town Office entrance and gas station.) Review of master gardener's suggestions and previous discussion noted plan to plant ornamental tree near corner of the building, lilacs next to projection entry-way to balance lilacs on the other side of the entry-way, and salt-resistant low shrubs and other plants close to the street and gas station. Plant selection will keep in mind continuity with what has already been done in section D. Plan is to begin with the basics and add to the landscaping as aesthetics and budget suggest. A sub-committee of Susan, Nancy and Pat will meet and create a plan to submit to the whole group and then to the Town Selectmen.

Fund Raising: We will again hold the plant sale the second Saturday in June. We all need to help Nancy with this large undertaking. Nancy will send out requests for plants, help with digging plants, containers etc. right after April 15. It was suggested we place requests for plants etc. on a sign outside the Library once we are organizing the sale.

New Business:

Friends of the Library are invited to the Library Trustees meeting Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library.

Susan requests everyone to look at the link to the National Friends of Libraries website HYPERLINK "<http://www.folusa.org>" www.folusa.org Please evaluate the benefits of membership and bring to the next meeting your opinion of whether or not we should join the national organization.

Christmas Raffle Basket : It was decided that we should make up a basket of Christmas items that might be enjoyed by a family and raffle it off as we did last year. All are requested to drop off contributions for the basket at the library by Nov.23. Susan will purchase a large basket, Amy will assemble it. We will have the basket on display and sell tickets first at the crafts fair at the high school Nov. 28 and then at the library. Tickets will sell for 50 cents. Amy has tickets and process for managing raffle ticket sales.

The treasurer noted that only one steering committee member has actually joined the Friends by paying dues. **All steering committee members are requested to become dues-paying members ASAP.**

Ray Kulig has resigned from the Friends steering committee. Amy will send him a note thanking him for his service to the committee.

Susan invited all to the opening of the Quinlan's art gallery on Nov. 21. She and her husband will donate 20% of all sales from their Holiday Art Show and Sale, November 21 thru December 31 to the library building fund.

It was decided not to have a meeting in December.
Next meeting will be January 11, 2010.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wolk, Secretary