

Friends of the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library

May 6, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:03.

Present: Jane Kearns, Cindy Ody-Ortego, Esther Perelman, Mary Lue Rodes, Barbara Mieder, Ann Park, Faith Leach, Adriene Katz, Joanne Arsenault

Minutes of 4/1/2024 were accepted with the addition of the number of participants at the Holiday Gingerbread House activity.

Correspondence: Thank You from Bonnie Lord for sponsoring the Wildlife Tales program, a newsletter and fundraiser request from the Vermont Food Bank.

Treasurer's report: checking account - \$21,205.01, CD \$29,342.92.
The CD is

now getting 4.94% interest rate for 9 months. Ann shared information about

how much money the Friends have received from Thrift Books – where we

send all our unsold books from the book sale. From the 2022 book sale -

\$1,149.95 and from the 2023 book sale - \$1,335.07.

Librarian's Report: The library Schematic Design Advisory Committee is being formed by the library trustees and the trustees are still looking for community members to join the committee. The library Strategic Planning is underway. Bonnie Lord received a Vermont Public Library Foundation Winne Belle Learned grant for \$2,500 for a parenting program.

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Old Business: The Wildlife Tales program had 12 adults, 12 children, and some passersby. The Friends paid for this program: \$455. There was some discussion about sponsoring a non-animal/nature program next year.

Book Sale: Kathryn Nurnberger will start collecting boxes from the Starbucks

in Colchester. Faith will check with Starbucks in Plattsburgh. Gerry Ortego will start to collect boxes from a liquor store in Essex starting on May 30th.

Ann Larsen will oversee the sorting process. Ann Park will send out an email for the Friends to volunteer to help with the 5-7 donation times in June. Ann will

also submit an article to the Observer about the upcoming book sale. Jane

will put out the Volunteer Signup sheet at the front desk on June 1st. The

signup sheet will indicate that on July 2nd, table set up will be from 8-8:30 and

moving the books and setting them up will start at 8:30.

Jacques-Paul will return at noon on July 4th to get books for the UVM Book

Nook. Barbara LeWinter, from Rotary, will come and collect 4 boxes of

books before the sale begins and she will provide 3-4 workers to help with

teardown on July 4th. Those workers will be encouraged to take books for

free during that time. Jane got in touch with Scouts who will help out from

8-11 on July 2nd.

Joanne will get in touch with the school to ensure that: the bleachers are

pushed in and locked, the front door will be open by 8am on July 2nd, the

“Specials” room will be unlocked, and the custodian on duty will know

where the school tables that we will be using are kept.

The group decided to have a “Poster Party” to redo the signs for the book

sale. We will meet at the library on Friday, May 24th at 10:30.

Joanne will

check supplies and let Ann know if we have what we need to make new signs.

The Friends agreed to pay for a substitute on Saturdays during June to help

with the increased traffic because of book donations. This will cost the

Friends \$225. \$15/hour for 5 Saturdays from 12-2.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53

Next meeting June 3 at 7pm.