

Friends of the Edgartown Library
March 30, 2009 Meeting
Draft Minutes

Attendees: Marvene O'Rourke, Janice Belisle, Carolyn Edmunds, Cornelia Hurst, Herb Foster, Jean Brennan, Ann Tyra, Lisa Sherman, Anne Williamson, Dorothy Dropick

Co-President Marvene O'Rourke called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Janice Belisle reported that there was no change in the financial report from the March report.

Winter Program Report

Anne Williamson gave a report on the children's tea party held in February. With the help of librarian Lisa Sherman, and the baking skills of many friends, Anne hosted a tea party for pre-school children in a beautifully transformed children's room.

Anne read several stories, discussed "tea party" manners, and served lemonade and cookies to the children, their parents and grandparents. However, despite notice to Principal John Stevens and the Edgartown kindergarten teacher, notices in the paper and the library newsletter, attendance was light. Lisa and Anne hope to repeat this event next year and will consider scheduling changes and other ways to attract more participants.

Summer Program Discussion

Last summer's library on the lawn events were very successful. Marvene solicited ideas for next summer's programs. Members suggested a range of possibilities: Ed Rogers, a talented trumpet player; Vineyard Sound, Mark Lovewell, a sing-a-long, the Vineyard Symphonetta, high school musicians or singers, puppeteers or magicians, a lecturer on marine life. Members were urged to follow through on their suggestions and inquire if the performers were available.

Publicity Chair

Marvene is seeking a volunteer to handle the publicity for Friends' events. Herb Foster is willing to assist the publicity volunteer. Members were asked to visit the Friends' page on the Library website and provide suggestions for updates and/or improvements. Marvene asked Janice if she also could check with her artistic contacts about membership posters.

Trustees' Report

Herb Foster reported that the Library Trustees met with representatives of the Edgartown Library Foundation. The two organizations would like to work together on common goals with increased communication with the Friends. Friends' officers were invited to attend the next joint meeting April 27 at 11 AM. Other topics included:

- 1) Passage of the Library's grant request for \$195,000 of Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funds for restoration work on the historic Carnegie building. This proposal will be subject to vote at the April 14 town meeting. Letters are being prepared and Pat Rose will speak at the town meeting. Herb asked everyone to call at least two people, ask them to attend the town meeting and vote for the Library grant from CPC funds.
- 2) Library promotional efforts include: development of bumper sticker art work coordinated by Herb and Ed Housman; the Edgartown School library essay program and Penny Jar , coordinated by Ed Jerome, working with Principal John Stevens; solicitation of support by Herb Foster among the business community; and presentation of the library model at the Stop & Shop vestibule, coordinated by the trustees.
- 3) The Trustees hope to demolish the Warren House this year.
- 4) Herb is giving a talk about "Yiddish & Jive" at the Anchors on April 28th. The \$5 admission fee will benefit the Anchors and the Library.

Other Business

The Director will provide an update on replacement of the Library sign at the next meeting.

It was suggested that Ed Housman email members once or twice before the April 14 Town meeting to remind friends to support the library's grant request of CPC money.

Janice Belisle will prepare regulatory filings which are due May 15th: a Form PC with an attached Form 990 EZ for the MA Attorney General; and an electronic filing of Form 990-N for the IRS. Later the Annual Report for the Secretary of State will be due November 1. Dot Dropick volunteered to answer Janice's questions or review the forms in April.

The next Friends meeting will be held on April 27th at 3:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Dorothy Dropick, Acting Secretary