

Friends of the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library
Minutes May 1, 2017

Present: Barb Mieder, Steve Perkins, Mary Lue Rodes, Joanne Arsenault, Marti Fiske, Esther Perelman

Minutes of April 3 accepted as written.

Correspondence: Marti will be giving Ann some bills to pay.

Treasurer's Report: CD balances are \$12129.26 and \$10,249.12. Checking account balance is \$16,476.11.

Librarian's Report: They are getting ready for the end of the fiscal year. Gutters in the back are being replaced. Painting of the exterior short end of the building will start next month. Allison (the new technical services specialist) is settling in.

Old Business: The Astronomy for Everyone family event occurred on April 22nd. The guest spoke for 90 minutes, when Jill had asked him for only 45 minutes. He did not appear to adapt to his audience. We recommend a speaker from VINS next year. Steve suggested something on sled dogs during the winter. He knows of a company based in Waterbury or Middlesex. [Maybe this group? <https://www.peacepupsdogsledding.com/>] The presentation would have to be outside because we can't bring dogs into the library.

Book Sale: Joanne will get insurance for each day that we are in the building (four days). The block of five days is \$100 more, but we don't need the extra day (Sunday).

We will have the hallways between the cafeteria and the gym. They will open them up for us so we can move things more easily. Cashiers will be set up in the hallways. The hallway space is where leftovers will have to be stacked.

Parking will be by the tennis courts. Marti is waiting for an answer on which rest rooms we can use. Perhaps in the locker rooms?

The Brick Church is the rain location for the town band concert and the ice cream social.

Marti will start advertising for volunteers and giving people the book collection dates. We need to put the table setup back on the volunteer list. We will pay for extra time for library staff in June, as we agreed last year.

ANN: Please draft your letter for the Observer (if we need it) with your usual tact regarding the need for volunteers, or else! Marti will give you the publication schedule so you know the deadline for submitting it.

Marti is a member of Rotary now, so will ask them for volunteers.

We will need more people on the 4th, if last year is any indication.

Other News: Jane has unfortunately had to resign because of work commitments. We will miss you, Jane, and you're always welcome to come to a meeting if you can! Thank you for all of your contributions to the Friends and the library.

Volunteer Breakfast: There was a new expense this year. Catering had been donated in past years, but it's not happening any more. The Trustees pay around \$325 for milestone gifts each year, decorating comes out of the library program budget, and catering this year cost \$300. Marti asked if the Friends would pick up the cost of the catering. We agreed to allow up to \$350 as a separate amount. Marti will try for a lower cost, and will let us know what to pay. Information on the event will say it is co-sponsored by the Trustees and the Friends.

Next Meeting: June 5 at 7:00.