

Friends of the Northborough Free Library, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2010

Present: Melanie Magee, Jean Langley, Ellen Church, Cindy Atwood, Rick Leif,
Jackie Teeven and Jan Bissett

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Melanie Magee.
The minutes of the Dec. 2, 2009 meeting were accepted as written.

Yearly Review of By-Laws: There was no need to amend the by-laws at this time.

Financial Report: Rick presented a financial overview of 2009 as well as our monthly financial status report for January 2010. The Friends have received a request from the Children's Dept. and the Young Adults' Dept. for \$2,000 for their summer programs. They have also requested an additional \$1000 each to finance other programs. Ellen made a motion, which was seconded by Rick, to give the sum of \$3,000 to the Children's and YA Depts. The motion passed unanimously. Jean will investigate the request for the additional \$1,000. The Friends have also received a request to pay for the initial purchase of the t-shirts being ordered for the Summer Reading Program. It has not yet been determined how much money is needed for this purchase. The Friends are reimbursed as the t-shirts are sold. A motion was made by Rick, and seconded by Cindy, to pay for the t-shirts as soon as the exact amount is known. The motion passed unanimously. Jean has hired a page for the remainder of the fiscal year. The salary to be financed by the Friends, with the approval of the Trustees and Selectmen.

E-Bay/Amazon: Ellen submitted her report for Dec. '09/Jan.'10 and a check for \$561.49.

Trustees: The Trustees approved a draft of the library budget for the next fiscal year. They also approved the Friends' request to supply up to \$50,000, as needed, to cover the cost of purchasing books or other types of media.

Old Business: Croquet Fundraiser (Feb. 28): More mallets are needed, if you can loan some for the event, please contact event chair, Jan Bissett. We need a total of 100, we have about 50 at this point. All of the wickets have been sponsored; we are currently looking for sponsors for scorecards. Jan will coordinate volunteers to work at the fundraiser. The course will be set up on Saturday. There will be a mini-book sale in the Café and some baskets will be raffled off in conjunction with this fundraiser.

Spring Book Sale (May 6-8): The hours have been expanded: preview day will be Thurs. (1-4), sale to general public on Fri. (9:30-5) and Sat. (9:30-3). Hardcover will be \$1 and paperbacks \$.50 on Thurs. and Fri. On Sat. all books will be \$.50.

Internet Café: Coffee and tea service will begin on a trial basis. Suggested donation is \$1.00 per cup. Service will be monitored to see if worthwhile based on patron usage versus cost and staff time required to maintain. Jean presented a comprehensive handout outlining costs.

New Business: Ellen will investigate creating a Facebook Page for the Friends of the Library. It would provide a new avenue to access the library that would help to attract additional library supporters.

The meeting was adjourned by Melanie Magee at 8:56 p.m.
Our next meeting will be held on Wed., Feb. 24, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Teeven

