

Friends of David and Joyce Milne Public Library

24th Annual Meeting: December 12, 2012

Present: Board Members Ginny Sheldon, Stephen Dravis, Michael Sussman, Susan Abrams, Jessica Dils, Judy Madden, Bud Riley, Robin Clutz, Maggie Bye, Nancy Sheridan, Melissa Segalla, Maria Siskind, Yumi Farwell; Absent: Maribeth Pomerantz; Trustees Nancy McIntire, Peter Mehlin, Mark Maniak, David Dewey; Library Director Pat McLeod; and many library supporters

Call to Order: 7:06 PM

Announcements: President Ginny Sheldon thanked reception organizers and pays tribute to Helen Renzi, who helped start the Friends in 1989, was the first Vice President and who died this summer. Ginny also recognized Norma Fox (in attendance this evening), who was secretary in that first year.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of Annual Meeting on December 14, 2011, taken by Maria Siskind, were available in print at meeting. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Michael Sussman presented a summary report showing 2012 income at \$47,012 and expenses of \$6,603. We donated \$37,296 to the library this year, leaving us with total assets of \$66,053. He notes that this 8% higher than last year. **Approved.**

Audit Committee's Report: The Audit Committee, composed of Bud Riley, Stephen Dravis, Maggie Bye, and Maribeth Pomerantz made a full examination of the Treasurer's reports and found everything to be in order.

Membership Report: Robin Clutz and Maggie Bye reported that we have 354 members who have contributed \$20,046 in 2012. Robin noted that the membership figures do not exactly match the treasury figures because of slightly different beginning and end dates. \$444.64 was received through the Williamstown Savings Bank community dividend program. The membership team may seek an updated laptop computer on which to keep the membership records.

Book Sale: Ginny and Susan Pike reported on future changes to the book sale process, specifically the relocation of book sorting and storage to an offsite location owned by Williams College (184 Southworth Street). Melissa Segalla reports that the Book Nook continues to go strong, averaging \$200/month income, for a total so far of \$3800. She thanks Pat and the staff for help dealing with discards and hopes to discourage donation of bad books.

Trustees: On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chairwoman Nancy McIntire thanked the Friends for their time and funds. Highlights of usage of our 2012 funds include the children's collection, staff professional development, adult collections, and new and improved technology.

Library Director: Pat McLeod said she will miss the ongoing activity of the Friends when the book sale operations go off site, but it will be good for the library to regain the space the Friends

have been occupying. Pat expressed her appreciation for the ongoing annual \$25K-\$30K donated by the Friends, which is not in her budget. Thanks too to Marilyn Faulkner for hosting the Annual Meeting and to Ginny as outgoing president--she has done an incredible job with her work on the website, advertising, and letters to the community.

Old Business: none

New Business: Stephen Dravis thanked Ginny Sheldon for being an amazing force for the Friends through her excellent organizational skills and her dedication and availability.

Nominations – On behalf of the Nominating Committee (Stephen Dravis, Jessica Dils, and Robin Clutz), Jessica Dils nominated the following for 3-year terms: new members Betsy Jenkins, Susan Pike, and Chanda Shin, and existing members for re-election Susan Abrams and Michael Sussman. The slate of officers for one-year terms are Stephen Dravis as President, Ginny Sheldon as Vice President, Michael Sussman as Treasurer, and Susan Abrams as Secretary.

Approved.

The Board thanks “transitioning” members (not retiring!) Melissa Segalla, who will continue to be involved with the book sale and book nook; Judy Madden, who has been on the board for 12 years, served as co-chair of the book sale 2002-2005, on the nominating committee, and as a cookbook collaborator; and Nancy Sheridan, who has been on the board for 13 years, as president in 2003 and 2004 and then vice president in 2005 and 2006.

Stephen Dravis read the following proclamation:

Whereas it is the mission of the Friends of the Milne Public Library to support the library, and the Friends’ work is only possible with the help of dedicated volunteers;

And whereas the Friends at its 2011 Annual Meeting honored departing Board member Gay Klaus-Scarborough with a promise to donate in her name \$160 to the library’s future capital campaign, an amount representing \$10 for each year of her service to the Board;

And whereas such a donation is both a fitting tribute to our volunteer Board members and in keeping with the purpose of the Friends;

The Friends of the Milne Public Library do today dedicate the sum of \$260 in recognition of the departure of three Board members, Judy Madden, Nancy Sheridan, and Melissa Segalla, for their combined years of service.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm, followed by songs by Maggie Bye (voice) and Mark Maniak (guitar), later joined by Eric Buddington (violin). Refreshments, provided by the Friends, were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Abrams
Secretary, 2012