

# FRIENDS OF THE EDGARTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, April 27, 2009

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

Present were: Marvene O'Rourke, Janice Belisle, Dave Blackburn, Felicia Cheney, Dorothy Dropick, Herb Foster, Dorris Housman and Jean Brennan

## Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 30th meeting were approved.

## Treasurer's Report

Janice Belisle reported the balance in the checking account is \$8,542.89 and the CD is \$15,720.09. The President thanked Janice for her continuing work and for preparing the regulatory filings for the IRS, the forms for the MA Attorney General and the pending Annual report for the Secretary of State.

## President's Report.

The Library's grant request for \$195,000 of Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funds was voted on and approved at the town meeting.

The membership thanked Dorothy Dropick for preparing the successful grant and expressed their gratitude for her efforts on behalf of the Library.

In response to a question, Marvene reiterated that Friends dues will be collected in January 2010

Marvene announced the Library would hold an Open House to honor long time Library volunteers and the Friends on Wednesday, May 20th from 4 PM-6 PM. At the Open House, the Friends will present long time Library volunteers with letters of appreciation along with honorary membership to the Friends organization and bags.

The Director reported that refreshments of cake and juice will be served. Baked goods will be greatly appreciated from Friends.

## Summer Programs

The President requested reports on suggestions for entertainment for Summer Programs on the Lawn made during the March. Director Cheney announced to the group that the summer programs would be on Tuesday evenings (with Wednesdays as rain dates) and that Library Staff member Virginia Munro had already contacted and scheduled two groups. Specifically, she had scheduled the Noteworthy Duo to perform at the Council on Ageing October 10 for a fee of \$600 plus ferry costs; and Kevin Keedy to perform on the lawn July 7 at a cost of \$250 to \$300.

The President and membership expressed surprise and questioned whether these programs would be Library programs or Friends programs. The Director expressed her hope that the programs would be joint events for the Friends and the Library.

Dot Dropick reported she had contacted the Katama Trio who is willing to entertain without cost, as all performers in the previous summer's programs had done. Felicia indicated that members with suggestions for entertainers should contact Virginia Munro directly.

No action was taken.

#### Other Business

Marvene reminded the group, that Friends had voted to collect prizes from local merchants for youngsters who participate in the Library's summer reading program which is open to Edgartown residents and summer visitors

Herb Foster suggested we talk positively and spread the word about the Library. Let people know how useful it is, what is going on, and how helpful the staff is. The Gazette recently published a Letter to the Editor praising the Edgartown library.

Felicia said the replacement of the library sign will be made.

Marvene reported that Friends Co-President Ellen Gurnitz will return to the Island in May.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 8, at 3:30 PM in the Library.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary Jean Brennan