

Friends of the Edgartown Free Public Library
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, Jan. 26, 2009

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

Present were: Marvene O'Rourke, Janice Belisle, Ed Housman, Ann Williamson, Dave Blackburn, Felicia Cheney, and Jean Brennan.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Janice Belisle reported the balance in the checking account is \$8,542.89. This amount includes a \$2,500 contribution made by the Friends to the Library Memorial Fund for incidental expenses. The CD is \$15,720.09

Felicia distributed updated copies of the Library Memorial Fund balance sheet for the last fiscal year to show how the Friends money has been used.

Update on Winter Programs

Anne Williamson reported the PJ Party of 15 was a success. Children arrived in PJ's, had photos taken, enjoyed treats, read books and watched films. Parents dropped off and picked up.

The February 14 Tea Party will be hosted by Anne and Lisa Sherman. Posters will be made and displayed around town for publicity and the event will be listed in the Gazette and Times calendar sections. Refreshments will be donated by Friends.

Other Business

Felicia provided an update on the course "Edgartown 101." The first session, January 21, "What Goes on Inside Town Hall" featured town moderator Jeff Norton and town administrator Pam Dolby and went very well. Representatives of the Finance Committee and Board of Assessors will be panelists for the second session on January 28th which will be televised on MVTV. Felicia also distributed calendar cards with session dates and titles for the entire series.

Dave Blackburn reported on the status of the grant application to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for \$195,000 to preserve and restore the current Library building. The CPC unanimously approved the grant, but the town Finance Committee does not intend to recommend approval at the town meeting. Friends offered to be of whatever help the Trustees would like.

Marvene thanked Anne Williamson for organizing and conducting the winter programs and Ed Housman for communicating information to the Friends.

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2009 at 3:30PM in the Library.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Brennan