

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Called to Order at 6:35

Members in attendance:

John Hassan
Leslie Hassan
Christine Hassan
Randy Robertshaw
Liz Berry
Mike Decker
Gretchen Mayall

Approved minutes from November 13 meeting

The Wreath and Basket Raffle:

We made a few changes this year.

1. We accepted donations of baskets in addition to wreaths.
2. We changed the silent auction to a raffle. Chances are 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Smaller children's baskets are .25 a chance.
3. We are manning a table out front to catch people as they come into the library who may not have seen any of the advertisements.

Letters to Santa:

As of today we have received 32 letter requests. The cut off is this Friday, the 10th and we expect to have them all mailed out on Monday, December 13 for receipt by Christmas.

Budget:

There was a discussion about the budget and what programs we will be sponsoring for 2011. A suggestion was made that we look into offering a scholarship of some sort. A good portion of January's meeting will be dedicated to working on the 2011 budget.

Financial Balances:

Certificate of Deposit (CD)	\$9,834.61
Checking Account	\$17,537.68
Amazon	\$2,929.75

(Amazon account is proceeds from donated books sold online)

Book Sale:

We toured the basement where books are stored for the Friend's annual book sale. No new book donations are being accepted until we have sorted and organized the existing donations. We expect to be able to start accepting donations again on January 3. If anyone is interested in helping to sort books, please e-mail Gretchen Mayall at gmayall1@aol.com or call at 978-453-7528. If you know of a Girl Scout, Boy Scout Troop or other organization whose members are looking for volunteer opportunities, this might be a fun one for them.

Additional items for the January Meeting (January 12, 2011)

Discuss the possibility of having two book sales next year, instead of just the one.
Having a Friends of the Library Table at Dracut Old Home Days
Best Practice Sharing
How to Drive the Membership numbers up. There are currently 78 members of Dracut Friends of the Library.
Building a FOL website.