

**Parker Memorial Library
Friends of the Dracut Library
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 22**

Attendees: Liz Berry, Cecilia Mancini, Randy Robertshaw, Wally Casper, Christine Hassan, Gretchen Mayall

Accepted Minutes from October 17, 2011 Meeting and January 25, 2012 Meeting.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence since the last meeting.

Budget Review:

There were no major expenditure during the past month.

The 2012 budget was reviewed and then approved as amended. The two amendments were changing the adult programming fee from \$1500.00 to \$1000.00 and adding the FOL Scholarship amount of \$500.00

Old Business:

- **Book Nook Signage-** No update at this time. We will be designing something on CAD.
- **Wreath and Basket Raffle-** We will have list of businesses by September and start sending out letters in October. Feedback from last year was that we sent out letters too early.

Current Business:

- **Film Nights-** there were 10 people that showed up for the February 16 Foreign film. So far we have had enough volunteers, but we are trying to get more Friends involved.
- **Joint Meeting in March-** The Trustees have agreed to have the joint meeting with the Trustees, The Foundation and the Friends. This will be a “meet and greet” after their regular meeting. John and Randy will meet to determine what refreshments will be served.
- **Meet the Author Series updates-** 30 enthusiastic people showed up for Andre Dubus on February 21. Kate Hanson Foster will be here March 7. Stephen Puleo will be here March 20.
Howie Carr will be here on March 31. He is coming at no charge-just book sales. We expect a larger crowd and will have a Dracut Police Detail. We will have overflow parking at the Christ Church United next door and also at the Town Hall since it is a Saturday. Howie’s books include *Brothers Bulger* and *Hitman*, both non fiction and *Hard Knocks* a fiction book. The talk will be from 2:00-3:30pm and then the signing will be at 3:30pm. Sign up is required for the talk, but not the general signing.

Julia Glass has signed on for next year. We are also looking at Dennis Lahaine

New Business:

- **Fundraising Opportunity-** Randy is working with a group to see what they can offer. We talked about coming up with other fund raising ideas.
- **Book Sale-** Cecilia Mancini has volunteered to Chair the Book Sale again this year. The dates will be Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Friday from 9:00am to 7:00pm and Saturday from 9:00 to 3:00pm. The bag sale will be from 1:00-3:00 and we will not be closing for lunch. 3:00 to 4:30 Saturday will be reserved for teachers. We have the week of May 3rd reserved for the sign in Dracut Center. It includes four lines of writing and we will determine what it should say for next month's meeting. The book sale will be in May's Merrimack Journal. From August to February we took in \$2500.00 from the Book Nook. Wally will talk to Hannaford and Market Basket about putting up signs for the author series and movie nights.
- Wireless printing should be at the library by mid-March.
- 22 new computers are in.
- Cecelia mentioned recognizing Ellie for her work with the Book Nook. We discussed maybe having a breakfast for the library staff and volunteers.
- Randy mentioned have a library Hero and we discussed some possible candidates.
- We discussed shifting the annual meeting to January and setting the budget at that time.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Gretchen Mayall
Secretary, Friends of the Dracut Library