

Friends of the Orange Public Libraries

Meeting Notes- February 5, 2006

- **Overview-**
- Welcome
- Thanks and Evaluation: Holiday Open Houses
- Final Vote: Updated dues structure and amended bylaws
- Update: Health Fair
- Other Committee Updates
- Fundraising for 2006
- Other

- Review Past minutes from December 5, 2005- accepted

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- Thanks for open houses
- Intergenerational group at both
- Wheeler had a large outcome of at least 25
- N. Orange had 12
- Another one for spring/summer?

- Joanie is going to investigate 501C rules for state proposed dues
- New dues structure was Updated-accepted

- **Health Fair**
- Postponed until further notice, maybe combine with book/craft fair in June

- **Committee Updates**
- Beautification/Garden committee update
- Plans are in the wings
- Perennial flowers?
- Food?
- Both?
- Shrubs?
- Lions club offered to help work; maybe ask the Mahar key club?

- **Letter to Orange residents**
- To address it to Resident and send by the USPO, pay bulk rate for 8,000
- (about 5,500 households) is \$2035.00 (too much)
- Use other methods:
- AOTV/Radio
- Newspaper/ Town Crier/ North Quabbin Valley Voices spotlight article

- Library website
- Flyers up around town (500?)

- Hand out at elections in March
- It is more about getting out information than about getting a response
- **Fundraising**
- Book/craft sale set for June 17, 2006
- Sell plants? Get them donated? From Athol Hospital or Butterfield
- School (seeds of solidarity)
- Raffle- possible donation from Quabbin Woods "possibly making the raffle
- something that can be identified with the libraries"
- Bird Houses
- Scavenger hunt
- Silent Auction
- White Elephant
- Trustees Updates
- Driveway cut out- can't be done because it was a block grant, but still
- investigating; possible build up road?
- Energy Audit-working on it
- **Other**
- Try to get a representative from North Orange for Friends
- Idea from Southwick to all read the same book at the same time
- "On the same page" or "One book, One community", promoted by the
- Library of Congress and the American Library Association; will need
- volunteers for promotion; maybe start in fall or winter
- Words from Walt
- Update website with a page from Friends? Interest in more? Blog for
- Friends? Letter? Photo?
- Underwrite pins for Volunteer appreciation, 15-20 pins for 1 or more
- years of library service- motion passed
- When to award pins? Open house and recognition in April? To include a
- raffle? and a cake
- Dates set for Saturday April 22 11-1PM for Wheeler and Saturday
- April 29 11-1PM for N. Orange
- Treasurer's report
- \$3106.00 in treasury at Athol Credit Union
- **Closing**
- The next meeting is set for April 3, 2006. This meeting adjourned at
- 8:12PM.

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