

Recap of Friends meeting - emailed to all Friends

Hi Friends!

Just a recap of our meeting from 8/29/22 at 6:00 pm

Everyone attending received a copy of the memo of understanding between the friends and the library. I will attach a link below to the document.

Goals of the group were established- advocacy of the library, fundraising and volunteering as needed by the Director, Donna. The members were all told about the future bookmobile that was obtained totally from grant money that Donna worked to get that is coming next year. Everyone was told to be sure to state that no taxpayer money was used to purchase this vehicle. Donna discussed a little bit about the plans for the bookmobile.

It was established that we are operating as a group under the library until we establish a 501(c)(3). To get to that point we need to attract more members to the group, establish officers and bylaws, set up all the legal and IRS/state documentation and be able to afford the fees associated with all that. That is a future goal for this group. It must be established if the group raises more than \$5000 dollars in a calendar year.

First focus is expanding membership.

- We are signed up for a table at the Dover Days celebration. Chris, Arlene and Maryann will be at the table throughout the day from 1-5 pm. Suzanne will also be stopping by the table as possible. Chris has donated a banner and about 100 magnets to be given out that day. Arlene and Melissa are going to solicit a couple of local businesses to try and get donations to create at least one gift basket to be raffled off. All donations for the gift basket should be at the library by Wednesday September 14th if possible. We will have applications for membership available to be filled out that day.

-All who attended the meeting signed up for membership and many took the membership forms to encourage friends and family that could not attend. All Friends are encouraged to spread the word about the great programs that the library offers, especially through their social media. All funds collected were immediately given to Donna, the library Director. I am also including a link at the very bottom for membership sign-up forms in case anyone needs it.

Kathryn volunteered to set up a Facebook page for the group so that we will have another way to communicate with members. It was agreed that it would be a closed page that is only open to members at this time so that we can share information and discuss ideas without harassment.

Briefly mentioned the idea of helping with an annual appeal. There are approximately 8500 people in the town of Dover and 4888 library cardholders. The goal is to try and winnow that

down by Donna and that we would volunteer to assist with coming up with an appeal letter and handle the clerical needs to get it out in November. To be discussed further.

The group was informed that Natasha Lugo of the Harlem Valley Girl Scouts reached out to me and wants to partner with the library. It was suggested that perhaps they would like to establish more little libraries throughout the town. Chris will reach out to them to see if that is something that they might be interested in.

Date of the next meeting is set for Monday September 19th at 6:30 pm.

Hope to see you all at Dover Days or at our meeting next month!

Chris Bergin
Trustee Liaison