

**Friends of the Plattekill Public Library**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Minutes of May 21, 2007**

The meeting began at 7:30pm at the library. Present were Daniel Capuano, Glenn Geher (Vice President), Maureen Kaddar, Vivian Lambertson, Amanda Maynard (Secretary), Jean Poirier (President), Emilie Rapplyea, Lynne Ridgeway, and Carolyn VanDuser (Treasurer).

**1. Welcome Reception and Refreshments**

Jean Poirier welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting.

**2. Call to Order--Introductions**

Jean Poirier introduced the Board of Trustees members present: Karen Adamson, Lynne Ridgeway, and Valerie Smith.

**3. Mission of the Friends Group**

The mission of the Friends group was reviewed and Jean reported that the primary functions of the Friends group are:

- increasing public awareness of the library and its services;
- fundraising for equipment and building needs;
- supporting library programs;
- advocating for the library in the annual budget vote.
- securing materials that are beyond the command of the ordinary library budget; and
- performing other services deemed helpful to the Library.

**4. Award Presentation of the “How I Learned to Read” Essay Contest**

Jean thanked all 84 of the entrants into the essay contest for their wonderful essays and indicated her hope that each entrant would also participate in the summer reading program. Jean also heartily thanked Jane Gregory, Michael Reiter, Valerie Smith, and Elizabeth Werlau for their time and efforts in judging the 84 entries.

The winners of the essay contest were announced.

Elementary and Grand Prize: Mei Shu Cui

Middle School: Ashley Kessler

High School: Julia Castore

Adult: Vivian Lambertson

Each of the winners read her essay to the audience. The Friends congratulated each of the entrants and the contest winners. A reception followed the reading of the essays.

**5. Friends’ Accomplishments since July 2006 and Acknowledgement of Volunteers**

After the reception, the meeting continued and Jean reported on the achievements of the Friends since July 2006. These accomplishments included: a new chair for the storyteller at the library, an academic scholarship for a library staff member, volunteer assistance with monthly Read-A-Louds, Plattekill Day activities for children, successful promotion of the library budget vote,

bake sales, revised Friends website, and the first essay contest. Jean thanked all of the Friends, the library staff, and the Board of Trustee members who have supported the group this year.

#### **6. Request for Program Ideas**

Jean asked for members to identify ideas for programs in the coming year. Ideas generated included: (1) having children visit an elder home or having elders read to children at the library, (2) senior story time, (3) essay contest with children and elders paired so that children might write the elders' stories, (4) Cup and Chaucer café in which tea and coffee could be served at the library in a place where patrons could read a book, (5) consider looking for space to store books for larger book sales (consider freecycle.org for a shed), and (6) beach bag/towel/summer reading book fundraiser. Allan Wikman indicated interest in working with the Friends on offering stand up presentation skills workshops.

#### **7. Registered Friends Vote to Approve the Revised By-Laws**

Registered voters present cast their ballots to vote on the revised by-laws. The ballots were tallied and were unanimously in favor of adopting the revised by-laws.

#### **8. Call from the Floor for Officer Nominations**

Lynne Ridgeway called for additional nominations from the floor for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. No additional nominations were given.

#### **9. Registered Friends Vote for Officers of the Executive Committee**

Lynne Ridgeway indicated that since no additional nominations were made that a slate could be created including the current officers remaining in their present positions. Emilie Rapplyea made a motion to vote on the officers in the slate (President—Jean Poirier, Vice President—Glenn Geher, Secretary—Amanda Maynard, and Treasurer—Carolyn VanDuser). Maureen Kaddar seconded the motion. All registered voters were asked to vote on the slate. The slate of officers was elected unanimously.

#### **10. Plans for 2007**

Jean Poirier reported that plans for 2007 included: filing for articles of incorporation, IRS application for a 501.3 (c) non-profit organization status, continued support of the library through fundraising, and support of a budget vote if needed.

#### **11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Maynard