

Friends of the Lanpher Memorial Library  
December 12, 2018  
Amended Meeting Minutes

Present: Diane Szlachetka, Helen McIver, Amy Morrissey, Gina Jenkins, Jack Wool, Anne Geiersbach, Harold and Leila Cross, and Librarian Amy Olsen

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm by Diane Szlachetka.

The minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2018 were approved as distributed.

The minutes of the Annual Friends Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2018 are being revised with the goal of placing them on the Friend's web page. The final draft will be available for the January, 2019 meeting.

Debriefing of the Great Scot! Gala:

- Don't do it in December again
- Ticket sales: 76 tickets were sold and 70 people attended  
50 – 60 tickets sold in previous years
- 40 Silent Auction baskets
- 30 people left by 8 pm – more seating needed, especially when there is a program  
It was an older crowd of people – more seating needed, perhaps some lower tables
- Everyone commented favorably on quality and quantity of the food  
Shrimp and Salmon very popular but there were shrimp tails all over the Library  
Leftovers: 50% of quiches and mousse, bread, some finger sandwiches, 50% vegies and cheese ( too much cheddar, the other types of cheese were eaten). Not much of the Old Alliance was eaten nor the oat cakes. 50% of the Athol Brose, too much shortbread, too many cheesecakes, 50% of strawberries, ½ of the dates, didn't need the Trifle. Left-over shortbread went to the Lamoille County Players for their production the following weekend.
- Next year have more savory foods and fewer, simpler sweets.
- Have plates for people to take home left-overs for a \$ donation
- Silent Auction – all 40 baskets were claimed  
Amy Morrissey has the tanning certificate should someone claim it.  
Cap at 20 baskets in the future? Although they did provide a wide variety and price range
- Perhaps a non-alcoholic event?
- Circulation – it was very crowded in the Children's room with the baskets on display. Perhaps they could be displayed in the large room and the dessert or drinks in the children's room?
- Clean-up the next day was popular, everyone pretty well worn-out by the end of the event.
- Make a list of specific tasks for set-up and clean-up and recruit people to work on them
- Glassware – purchased by Helen McIver – she has it in storage in her basement.
- Photos – Ora Moore gave all the photos she took to Helen to be placed on FaceBook and the web page. Ask Rebecca Pastor to post them. Ann Geiersbach can archive them on Google Drive.
- Photographer – offer Ora Moore a free ticket to future events
- Piper – was popular and was given a free ticket
- The Gala and silent auction proceeds were very successful. Please submit to Amy Morrissey the amount each person pent out-of-pocket.
- Ticket Prices – the discount for early purchasers was popular and per-person ticket sales were appreciated as not everyone comes as a couple.

- Liquor: Barr Hill was the corporate sponsor and was pleased that they sold bottles. The representative enjoyed being part of the party
- Thank you notes – 33 sent by Helen, Diane and Gina – Diane crafted letterhead for the Friends
- How much would a caterer cost?
- Could we find a corporate sponsor for the whole thing?

A private donation to the Friends of the Lampher Memorial Library was received at the Gala in honor of Helen and Bryan McIver. After some discussion, it was agreed that the money should be used to start a fund to be used for cultural events. Other donors could also contribute to this fund. Jack Wool noted that he is exploring grant opportunities as well. A decision on how to name the fund was tabled until the January meeting.

Librarian's Report – Amy Olsen submitted her report to the Friends with statistics for fiscal year 2018. She was asked to spotlight the inter-library loan program in January.

Speaker Program – Diane Szlachetka noted that nothing yet has been scheduled for a series of speaker events in 2019. She asked for suggestions for topics and speakers for three programs in the Spring (April, May, June) and three programs in the Fall (September, October, November). Some ideas include a talk by a fly-fisherman in September, a snowshoe hike with a naturalist in the winter, Harold Cross speaking about peonys in June, a talk by a local brewer, perhaps the cross-country skier who went to the Olympics from Craftsbury. There are also three Vermont Humanities Council programs per year. Helen will email Nancy Brown about these.

Book Clubs – Jack Wool asked if the Library coordinated with local book clubs. Amy Olsen said that the Library sponsors a monthly book discussion and she could compile a list of book sets available. It is difficult for her to find enough copies of popular books through inter-library loan.

Raffle Baskets – Diane will put one together for Valentine's day. A discussion of other baskets (Hyde Park Home Day, the Ice Cream Social, other events) was tabled until the next meeting.

Friend's Bulletin Board – Helen and Diane have been keeping the bulletin board in the entry up to date and asked others to take a month at the January meeting.

Diane asked to buy a wheeled rack to hold linens in basement storage. This was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Jenkins, Secretary