

**Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**1/28/08**

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Present: David Cooper, Mary Kim Purcell, Mike Levin, Marsha Levin, Jeanne Biggins  
Polly Hartman, Janna Harton, Meghan Seely and Sue Viscuso.

I. President's Report

A. November meeting minutes: **M/S/C**

B. Next *Friends* sponsored bus trip: 5/3/08. Wade bus to NYC.

C. *Carol Goodman program*. There was a front-page article on Ms. Goodman in the Spotlight in January. Good size audience attended.

D. Business donor ad ran in the November Spotlight and a general ad ran in the charitable insert in December Spotlight.

II. Treasurer's Report

Balance forward		12,711.50
Receipts:		
Personal Applications	295.00	
NYC Bus tickets	203.00	498.00
		13,209.50
Expenses:		
Spotlight ad	300.00	
Winter concerts	500.00	
NYC Ticket Refunds	203.00	
Wade bus deposit	100.00	1103.00
Balance per checkbook:		12,106.50
Pre allocated expenses:		
Author series	2,500.00	
Winter concerts	225.00	
Riverway Storytelling	1,250.00	
Teddy Bears picnic	500.00	
Scholarships	1,000.00	
Total		5,475.00
Net revenue available		6,631.50

- A. "What's NOW at your library". Look for this new bi-weekly e-mail from Bethlehem Public Library.
- B. David Cooper was listed in the *Empire Friends* statewide library news for recognition of his recent advocacy award.
- C. Bethlehem Public Library's annual report, "Working together 2006-07" is available at the library.
- D. Carol Goodman: fee and expenses for the program was \$632.42, paid by *Friends*.
- E. Volunteers for upcoming events:
  - 2/3/08 winter concert volunteer: Polly.
  - 3/2/08 winter concert volunteer: Mike and Marsha
  - 3/9/08 Author's talk (S. Cheever) volunteer: Polly
  - 4/6/08 Author's talk (D. Westlake) volunteer: Janna
- F. English as a Second Language (ESL). The library has applied for a grant to assist families that would meet the criteria. 45 students in our school district may benefit from this opportunity. The library is asking for \$300.00 towards refreshments towards 2 receptions after group meetings. **M/S/C.**
- G. Library retirement gift: Meryl Norek will soon be retiring from Bethlehem Public Library. Jeanne will let us know how many years of service.

IV. New Business:

- A. *Friends on the Green*. We will not do this year because of the Teddy Bears picnic.
- B. Teddy Bears picnic. Still shopping for performers. Date will most likely be 6/14/08 in the afternoon. Friends will order Teddy bears with t-shirts to sell at the library. The net cost of the bear has been approved for \$4.00/each. **M/S/C.**
- C. *Friends* scholarship (s): Meghan to present and represent *Friends* at BCHS awards ceremony at 7pm on 5/29/08.
- D. Travel program: More info to come. The European trip will probably take place in the spring of 2009. The travel agency's representative will present at an upcoming *Friends* meeting. The Italian Masterpieces trip has been approved. **M/S/C.**

- E. There will be a special meeting to discuss next year's officers on 2/23/08 at 7:15.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next meeting 3/31/08

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Viscuso