

*Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 31, 2008 7:00pm*

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*Present:* Mary Kim Purcell, Marsha Levin, Mike Levin, Penelope Koburger, Jeanne Biggins, David M. Cooper, Janna Harton, Meryl Norek, Polly Hartman, Meghan Seely, and Sue Viscuso

I. President's Report:

- January meeting minutes. M/S/C.
- May NYC bus trip: Wade bus company. The bus is almost full.
- December NYC bus trip: Due to the high cost of gas it was suggested that we secure a bus reservation early. Target date 12/6/08 with Wade bus company.
- A Little Sunday Music/ Friends author programs: all were successful.
- Teddy bears Update: The stuffed bears are in. Tags will be put the bears at a small meeting at Polly's house on 4/8 at 7:00. Bears should be delivered to the library by 4/11.

II. Treasurer's Report

Balance forward \$12,106.50

Receipts:

Personal applications \$115.00

Tote bags \$372.00

Total \$487.00

Expenditures:

Retirement gift/card \$52.68

Barbara Eckhaus \$225.00

Riverway \$1,250.00

Total \$1,527.00

Checkbook balance: \$11,065.68

Anticipated expenses:

Author's talk \$2933.00

NYC bus trip \$1,239.00

Scholarship \$1,000.00

Refreshments/ESL \$300.00

Teddy bears \$750.00

Total: \$6,722.00

Net available: \$4343.82

III. Liaison's Report:

- Jeanne joined library supporters at the State Capitol on March 11, Library Day, to lobby against proposed cuts in state aid to libraries.

- Teddy Bear Picnic Saturday 6/14/08 (rain or shine). Entertainment provided by Andy Morse, the “Music Man”; \$375.00. Refreshments will cost between \$75.00-\$100.00.
- Friends Scholarship sub-committee meeting will be on 4/15 at 7:00, to choose the winners (2) of the \$500.00 (each) scholarship. Topic: *Why the Library is important to a Democracy?* Meghan Seely will present the awards at the BCHS awards ceremony on 5/29/08.
- New wheelchair to be purchased by Friends for use at the library. \$500.00 for this purchase, M/S/C.
- Annual renewal letter: Member contribution levels increased M/S/C.
  - Basic* from \$15.00 to \$20.00
  - Household* from \$20.00 to \$25.00
  - Supporter* from \$25.00 to \$30.00
- Postage cost for renewal letter \$100.00. *M/S/C*
- Friends annual meeting will be on 5/19/08 at 6:00 at the Bethlehem town hall.

IV. New Business:

Travel program, trip to Italy: The slide show will be on June 9 at 7:00. A \$250.00 deposits will be due 9/23/08. Please distribute flyers all over town. *Friends* will make 10% on each ticket sold.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Viscuso

Next Meeting May 19, 2008 6:00pm