

**Friends of WMRLS**  
**Meeting Minutes from**  
**August 29, 2006 Executive Board Meeting**  
**WMRLS, Whately**

- **Meeting called to order at 10:00 after a 9:30 meeting with Dottie Carmody to discuss the Friends decision to take on the legislative breakfasts.**

Present: Lisa Downing, Rebecca Frank, Sara Woodbury, Laurie Risler, Nancy Contois, Mary King and John Ramsey, Dottie Carmody.

- **Minutes** from the June meeting were accepted.
- **Next Meeting:** Annual Meeting on October 6, 2006 at 10:00 AM at WMRLS
- **News from WMRLS:** Barnes & Nobel is planning another fundraiser this year on December 8 and 9. Friends discussed sense we need to think of including independent booksellers in the future. John also announced the Small Library Study had been completed, printed and mailed to all member libraries. He announced there would be a number of roundtable discussions throughout the region over the next two months to discuss the results. Because of the findings regarding conductivity, the MBLS has come forth with funds for this initiative. Janet Eckert has said that page 4 of the Wrapper will feature Friends news and this month's issue includes a profile of board member Sara Woodbury.
- **President's report:**

- o Newsletter for Annual Meeting - Rebecca will format newsletter and donor list. Lisa will do article on legislative bus and breakfast. Laurie will do a meet the member. Rebecca will take care of printing, labels, mailing discs and stamps. Nancy will write an article announcing we have met and exceeded our \$25,000 goal.
- o Program for Annual Meeting - Rebecca and the Center for the Book will arrange an author talk for following the business meeting. The Friends also voted to give the bookmobile \$5,000 at the annual meeting. Nancy will take care of the big check.
- o Nominations: We will be seeking a new treasurer, assistant treasurer, and two directors.
- o Staff Appreciation: The Friends sought feedback on the idea of hosting a staff appreciation event for the WMRLS staff. They will discuss at staff meeting and get back to us. The Friends have targeted February for this event and want to find a way to include the drivers in any celebration we host.
- **Treasurer's report:** Nancy Contois reported a balance of \$8105.78 as of August 18, 2006. There were no withdrawals and deposits of \$1000.00 from memberships and \$102.50 from CMRLS for the bus trip were received.
- **Sub-Committee Reports**

- **Membership report:** Rebecca reported 275 members, 17 new members, and 103 non-renewing former members. While this represents a significant retention rate Rebecca reminded the Friends we had targeted an 80% retention rate.
  
- **Advocacy:** The key new event will be the legislative breakfasts and the sub-committee discussed a number of potential host sites. They will begin exploring these with an eye to having an initial meeting with past and potential hosts in September.
  
- **Fundraising:** Laurie reported the need to set a new fundraising goal at the annual meeting and a clear spending plan for those funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Risler