

**Friends of WMRLS Executive Board**  
**Minutes of April 11, 2008 Meeting**  
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**Present:** Lynn Coakley, Mary King, Lisa Downing, Dick Floyd, Louise Kanus, Lisa Wenner, John Ramsay, Sara Woodbury

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**WMRLS Report:** State budget proposals not as optimistic for regional systems as had been hoped. Lisa W. volunteered to write to representatives.

**President's Report:** Sara's report covered letter-writing to *advocate* for support of library services; the concept of regionalism to provide services efficiently and economically where possible; next year's legislative breakfasts; stories for the upcoming fall newsletter; and the annual meeting in the fall.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dick's report was approved. Also, he will archive his Friends materials.

**Fundraising Committee:** Five months into the "Honor Someone Special" bookmobile project, we have collected \$4,510, contributed by 86 donors. The project has stretched from coast to coast, with honorees living in California, Missouri, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York City and Florida. The Bank of Western Massachusetts has been a good community partner, inviting us to set up a display in 3 of their branches: Hatfield, Haydenville and Greenfield. They topped it off with a donation of \$100. Having donation forms at the legislative breakfasts and at regional continuing education meetings helped. Letters have been mailed to all 86 donors and to 55 honorees or family members thereof. With the help of Lisa W. and her staff, bookplates have been designed, printed and delivered to Mary King at WMRLS. Expenses incurred amounted to about \$150, primarily for stationery, labels, postage and 2 plastic bookstands for the displays. In the summer, we may promote the project again in the Berkshires, this time to purchase books for adults. The project so far has been successful beyond our expectations.

**Stationery:** Lisa D. will go ahead with the new letterhead/logo for Friends of WMRLS stationery to differentiate it somewhat from WMRLS stationery. The letterhead will be in color. She will bring samples to the June meeting.

**Legislative Breakfasts:** Lynn will wind up the work on this year's successful breakfasts. A check will go to the Berkshire libraries, who usually conduct their own breakfast and a letter will go out to the other host libraries indicating our willingness to reimburse them for their expenses.

**Legislative Day Bus:** Information packet useful. Add cell phone number to the registration form. Send poster to Carolyn Noah.

**Barnes and Noble Book Fair:** We will not be participating in the fair this year.

**Date for next meeting:** Friday, June 20, 2008 at 10 am at WMRLS headquarters. Lisa W. will bring snacks for this meeting.

Sketchily submitted,  
Louise Kanus, Clerk