

**Friends of WMRLS  
Meeting minutes from  
July 20, 2007 Executive Board Meeting  
WMRLS, Whately**

**Meeting called to order at 10:15**

**Present:** Rebecca Frank, Sue Crowther, Sara Woodbury, John Ramsay, Dick Floyd, Louise Kanus, Lynn Coakley

**Minutes** from last meeting were accepted with one correction. Date was May 11, 2007 instead of June 11, 2007 which had been recorded.

Motion: Rebecca, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue

**Next meeting:** August 31 at WMRLS. It will be a combined exec. Committee and mailing party (of the newsletter)

**News from WMRLS:** John reported that 2 grants have been approved.

>Automation study for 23K for small libraries. 26 libraries were in line to be connected. Between February 2007 and now, all have been connected except for West Stockbridge who are moving into a new building and a few who joined C/W MARS as mininets.

This grant will allow the libraries now connected to learn how to use that connectivity for resource sharing. MassCat is being looked into for them and the MassCat staff is looking into including a circulation system.

>Circuit Rider grant for 177K will allow temp staffing to be hired on as needed basis to support the newly connected libraries.

A grant from the Freeman Foundation was not funded.

**Annual meeting:** Friday October 19, 2007. The program will be at the National Archives in Pittsfield and will be given by Jean Nudd. The topic is "Finding your Immigrant Ancestors". The business meeting will begin at 9:30 with the program to commence at 10:30. We will bring our own refreshments. There will be a limit of 25 people at the end for doing research at the facility. The meeting will be publicized in the Wrapper – one full page, email and flyer in delivery.

Dick will create a financial report for the ann. meeting. A budget for the coming fiscal will need to be created and approved.

New clerk will be elected to replace Laurie who is leaving for her job. Sara will be the nominating committee.

Minutes for the last meeting will have to be approved. Who has these minutes and can send them on – send them to Lynn and I'll get copies made.

Need to bring to the annual meeting: committee reports and Friends flyers.  
Committees will make a quick report at the business meeting.

Janet can get this info entered as a cont. ed. program in the Wrapper so that people can register on line. We will put a one page insert into the September Wrapper.

Friends newsletter has to be compiled and mailed out by the beginning of September.

Get articles to Rebecca by 8/15/07. She will do it this one last time. She will email the format to us all to see if any of us can open it and so subsequently use it for future newsletters.

Responsibility for articles:

Louise: bookmobile article

Sara: article about last year's ann. meeting

Lynn: legislative report and call Sally Caldwell in Egremont to ask if she would be willing to be the featured friend.

**Committee reports:**

Fundraising: Louise and Laurie with Mary have talked about a gift giving program. Louise presented a draft press release and draft donation form. John will talk with Mary about the logistics of this proposal. At John's suggestion, Louise will edit the press release and form to include a statement that says: "Books will be chosen by librarians at WMRLS."

**Membership:**

Rebecca reported that we have 194 active and 42 new members. 133 names have not been updated recently. Rebecca has been updating members info in the database.

Berkshire effort: Rebecca had spoken with a Tanglewood rep. about the possibility of parking the bookmobile in the parking lot at Tanglewood during the Tanglewood on Parade celebration. Even though he was enthusiastic about this at the initial conversation, he had not been interested in following through. So, as for now, that is off the table.

**Advocacy:** No new business to report.

**Treasurer's report:** Still waiting for a check from CMRLS that was to help cover the cost of the legislative bus. Dick will make sure that it is not lost somewhere and will contact CMRLS if necessary.

Question came up about a donation to be made at the annual meeting. We will talk about this at the meeting on Aug. 31.

Adjournment: 11:55, Lynn, second, Louise

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Coakley  
August 1, 2007