Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library, Inc
Minutes of the 12/12/12 Meeting

Present:
Executive Board: President Mary Wood, VP Phil Des Jardins, Treasurer Brian Wood
Advisory Board: Marcia Montgomery, Dori Womer, Ann Marino, Kaat Harbeson
(acting secretary) and Natalie Harbeson.
Library Director: Donna Miller

The meeting was called to order by Mary Wood at 7:04 pm (with new gavel from
Santa!)

Secretary's report:
        Minutes submitted, typos corrected—Montgomery, Freading
        Vote to approve, approved

Treasurer report:
        October Balance Sheet, no monthly summary for November.
        Still some money coming in on coffee machine – breaking even but people
are stealing things, like cups (one person in particular)—the Board discussed
options—shut down, sign—due to recent "pilfering" we may have to close or
something else; Books from Friends Corner and donation bin are being taken too.
Conclusion: Keep eye on profit, start losing money?—inventory? Assign a friend?
        Vote to accept, accepted

President's report:
        Upcoming events: Library Closures - library will be closed 24th and 25th, but
open 23rd and closed January 1st .
        Bus Trip Committee
        Winter Reading
        Mailing committee Jan 24th
        Wine social Jan 25th
        1st Sat in Feb, bring child to library-membership table in children's?—on
agenda later

Vice president's report:
        Reported to Library Board the increase in book sale over last year
        Neil Ryan taking over for Eric Rothhouser on the Race Committee
        The Board loves the Elvis idea for wine and cheese social
        Looking for Sue Wright to submit her resignation
        Brief discussion about lack of support from Trustees at Book Sale - Bring sign
up sheet for book sale before next sale-make an official one (Ann); Bring Book Sale
up in March, remind in April

Library director's report:

Thanks for hard work on book sale (core group of friends for the weekend)

Mural is done, everyone thanks the friends for it, kids and parents love it

Jan 12th-winter reading kickoff— will include a name the dragon contest

Will friends pay for 6-8 reams of paper so a stock for fliers is built up-quote?

Donna informed that the Friends are supposed to pay for the paper for fliers printed for us-Anita orders for Book Sale Flyers – check with her about other colors.

Amount is charged to area it's used for (book sale flier to book sale, etc)

Asst Director's report:

Freading went live on website 12/12/12

No reserves, instant gratification

Any members want to try it, go to site or ask staff

(thought—put this on Friends' website)

Zinio—new online magazine subscription (e-magazine platform-no waiting)

Trying it out (ex. Newsweek will be online only from now on)

Eventually will offer gift subscriptions

Adult winter reading kickoff Jan 8th 11-1, 4:30-7 Pop Open a Good Book and runs to Feb 15th-prizes: popcorn popper and blue ray DVD player

Old business—

Wine and Cheese social:

1) Proposal to spend $150 for hour of Impersonator (Todd Maliosky) performing as Elvis ("Elvis will be in the building"); Tie in with Elvis' birthday?

Motion made for $150 for Elvis (Natalie moved, Brian seconded), passed

2) High school—not heard back yet— need nudge (Marcia)

3) Timing-jazz combo 6:30-7:30, door prizes, Elvis 8-9, baskets 9-9:30 (rough times)

4) Publicity: Sign on green?—need to reserve for week or 2 weeks before— need sign; Need last year's budget—Brian getting it; Ads: Town Crier, Newington Life?-article?

5) Meeting with CT Beverage after Christmas for specifics

6) Categories for Tea Cup Auction Baskets:

2 Board members donated two fully put together baskets: "Tea by the Sea" and "Sweet Revenge"; Combine romance with Valentine's Day and cat with dog for pet = Back to 12 categories

Business Showcase

1) Sat April 13th

2) Permission, does Donna get it or the Friends?--Library

Library has one of the town booths, Friends desigh and staff booth for the Library

Annual Meeting Speakers:

> Not heard from D. Sweeney yet. Still trying to contact some people

Take Your Child to the Library (2nd Annual)

> 1st Sat in Feb.- Feb 2nd - Groundhog Day!
>
> Membership table?—display? – as get off the elevator. Perhaps have some children's books for sale as a draw?
>
> Sign up at the Jan 9th meeting (2-3 people at a time)

Committee Reports:

> Finance (Brian) - no report
>
> Membership(Ann) -new Best Friend became a member; Ann enjoys immediately responding to people through emails; "Give the Gift of Friendship" or "Honor a Special Person"
>
> -new brochure by Natalie (augment to normal)
>
> -go up on site as well, utilize online payment
>
> -can library do copies? Probably if supplied paper
>
> Book Sale (Ann) -had a Book Sale in November; $14,667.33 gross without ProQuo (check should be over $300); So far made $1091.69 over last year; most receipts should be in, but still waiting before finalizing amounts; 354 bags sold (4 bags left over); Rec'd email from website-volunteer for printing labels.
>
> Nominating- no report
>
> Communications-no report
>
> Website-Kaat will put up new brochure when it's completed
>
> Events-
>
>> Wine and Cheese and Beer – discussed Complimentary tickets for politicians – decided to give to Mayor, Town Manager, Sandy Nafis, Paul Doyle, Tony Guerrera
>
> Fundraising-
>
>> Friends' Corner- is currently selling Children's Holiday books
>>
>> Bakeless Bake Sale—flier ready for Jan. 24 mailing
>
> Advocacy—ALA preparing for virtual legislators visits
>
> Adopt-A-Shelf-no report
>
>> Suggestion to train to check for ripped off back pages, etc.

FOCL-no report, but there are candid photos up from the last Workshop

Other – Natalie received an e-mail from Diane Durette who asked about a representative from the Friends to join a panel discussion on volunteer opportunities in our community that will held on May 13th at 6:30 pm. Natalie said she is willing to represent the Friends but wants to know if anyone would be interested in doing it alone or with her.

Adjourned-8:20 pm

Respectively submitted by Kaat Harbeson, acting secretary