

FRIENDS OF THE BERLIN FREE TOWN LIBRARY  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 15, 2011  
1:00 P.M.

In attendance: Sylvia Thompson, Susan Womersley, Pat Haywood, Deborah Green, Phyllis Craib, Linda Bugeja, Dave Theriault.

This will be the last formal meeting of the Friends. Following is from President, Sylvia Thompson:

“This group is the second Friends of the Library of the Berlin Free Town Library and was started in October of 2005. Our members have dwindled over the years due to death, illness, moves, etc., and the group ended up in 2010 with only 3 or 4 people working very hard to keep it going. Three or four very dedicated people whose main goal was their desire to see the library flourish. Unfortunately, this proved not enough to sustain the group and we are disbanding. Fortunately, two of our dedicated members are becoming trustees and, hopefully, will be able to continue the Friends’ mission in their capacity as trustees; possibly another group will once again form the Friends.”

Treasurer’s Report: There is currently \$3,194.66 in the checking account; \$5,337.80 in the CD. President Thompson reported that there will be \$300 coming in for the remainder of the books from the Book & Bake Sale.

**Final Business:**

Books for Babies: This program has not been promoted and it was decided that a basket containing the BFB materials would be kept in the children’s reading room for anyone interested.

Funds Disposition: It was agreed that the Friends would add to the staff bonuses that Dave Theriault so generously paid personally. Bonuses will be paid in cash and will be presented by President Thompson to the Library Director (Sharon), Assistant Librarian (Nancy), Assistant (Louella), and Part-time Assistant (Charlotte).

It was also agreed that the majority of the checking account funds would be put into a 6-month CD, with the balance being kept in the Friends’ savings account, with Pat Haywood maintaining the accounts.

Future Membership: Everyone in attendance felt that it was important to keep the mission of the “Friends of the Library” alive and active. It was decided that there would still be members who would support the library through yearly membership dues (\$10/yr) and through being active in the many fundraisers developed and nurtured by the Friends. Pat Haywood will continue to accept dues and will deposit them in the Friends’ savings account.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by  
Susan Womersley

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OCTOBER 2005 - JANUARY 2011

FUNDRAISERS

Book & Bake Sale  
Pre Book & Bake Party  
Raffles  
Pie a la Mode  
Craft Fair  
Flower Sales  
Collect a Million Pennies  
Kids' Holiday Cards

PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Annual Friends/Trustees Party  
Fold a Book for Literacy  
Books for Babies  
Author Readings:  

- Paul Clermont
- Mary Kellogg/Jon Katz
- Allen Shawn
- Fred Freeman on Robert Burns
- James Ciullo

PURCHASES

Folding Chairs  
Folding Tables  
Computer Chairs  
Art Trees  
Computer  
Phones  
Funded some Summer Reading Programs