

Friends of Rochambeau Annual Meeting, June 7, 2010

Opening remarks

Chris Suchmann opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. welcoming the Friends of Rochambeau library to the Annual meeting.

Acceptance of Annual reports

Ellen Foley presented the annual reports. The motion made by Ilira Steinman was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Board Officers

Melissa Dubose presented the slate of officers for the Friend of Rochambeau Library Board for the upcoming year. The slate is as follows:

President: Chris Suchmann

Vice President: Roger Seitz

Recording Secretary: Kara Neymeyr

Corresponding Secretary: Melissa Dubose

A motion was made and seconded by Friends members attending the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Melissa Dubose also presented for approval proposed members of the nominating committee, including: Harriet Frank; Melissa Dubose; Anita Berger; David Isenberg; and Doug Itkin. A motion was made and seconded by Friends members attending the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Melissa Dubose also presented nominations of several new board members, including: Patricia Hyde, Bob Green, Maria Mendes, Victoria Richter, and Lauren Marcus. A motion was made and seconded by Friends members attending the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Friends Recognition Awards:

Chris Suchmann recognized all the Friends of Rochambeaus Board members, especially in this challenging year, including: David Berman, Betty Daniels, Melissa Dubose, David Isenberg, Jenny Fiero, Ellen Foley, Harriet Frank, Neeltje Henneman, Hil Herbst, Tom Houlihan, Doiuglas itkin, Steve Legasse, Emily Maranjian, Marjorie Martesian, Gil Mason, Marcus Mitchell, Kara Neymeyr, Tatiana Savchenko, Roger Seitz. Ilira Steinman, Wendy Wu.

He gave “rookie of the year” awards to Roger Seitz and Neeltje Henneman, and acknowledged Ilira Steinman and Ellen Foley who are leaving the board this year.

Hope High School Recognition Awards:

Marcus Mitchell described the Hope High School partnership and recognized Ramon & Alberto Bernard for their regular participation. Ramon and Alberto thanked Marcus for his support.

Carol Ann Nieforth Fund

Carol Ann Nieforth noted the five books that would be added to the library’s collection as part of the Carol Ann Nieforth fund. The books include: A Maids Tale, Fast Company, Satchel, The Gilead and The French Connection.

Friends Special Award

A Friends Special Award was presented to Gil Mason for being a “super volunteer.” A plaque acknowledging his hard work will hang in the library in perpetuity.

Librarian Recognition Award

Tom O’Donnell recognized the following volunteers: Natalie Bowen, Judith Brown, Steven Dressner, Harriet Frank, Lakita Garrett, Nadia Hamata, Jim Heat, Patricia Hyde, Yolana Kanye, Ellie Leman, Marjorie Martesian, Catalina Mendmina, Victoria Richter, Tatiana Savchenko, Mary Spear, Nancy Warren, and Robin Ronovitz.

Nieforth Award

The Nieforth Award was given to Judy Blackadar. Marjorie Martesian presented the award. Judy described how she became archivist, and how important the library and the Friends group has been to her and to the support of libraries in Providence.

Keynote Speaker

Neeltje Henneman introduced the speaker for the evening, Glenn Laxton. Mr. Laxton spoke about his book, **Hidden History of Rhode Island: Not-to-be-Forgotten Tales of the Ocean State.**

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Foley

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