



MINUTES OF THE LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
DEVELOPMENT & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2011

PRESENT: Becky Spratford, Bridgette O'Connor, Mary Nelson, Caroline Coryell
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Jeannie Dilger-Hill

Meeting opened by Chairman Becky Spratford at 7:15 p.m.

Our Unfinished Business centered on cleaning the "Centennial Quilt" and displaying it in the Library. Because there is no place in the building to display it where it cannot be touched, the quilt needs to be covered with Plexiglas to protect it. To pay for cleaning, covering it, and hanging (a cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000) we had previously considered asking for donations from the public. Bridgette O'Connor had suggested a "Quarters for the Quilt" slogan to involve the community and the school children.

Becky suggested we ask the Historical Society to partner with us to get more publicity. She would arrange a photo-op with Jane Byczek and Karen Lynch (President of the Historical Society), to help publicize the fund drive. We could also contract the Salt Creek Quilters to talk up the drive. Other ideas for publicity were discussed, such as putting posters in La Grange businesses, making a presentation at the Village Board meeting, creating something to show the progress of donations, contacting La Grange Patch, etc.

It was suggested we use a large glass jug for collecting change, (Becky has one and Caroline Coryell thinks she also has one), so people could see the money piling up, and, maybe, be inspired to donate.

Becky will contact Carrie (who did the great lobby display for us) to help with displays and posters. A "thermometer" of quilt patterns was suggested, and to use the quilt theme to tie everything together. The "kick-off" will be on Martin Luther King Day and continue through the next several months with, hopefully, some new publicity each month.

Jeannie Dilger-Hill expressed concern about having a jar of coins on the counter in the Library lobby. She said she would talk to the management team about the safety factor.

We discussed ways the Friends of the Library could help and Jeannie gave a brief up-date on the latest Friends meeting.

Having no other business on the agenda, Bridgette moved to adjourn, seconded by Mary Nelson. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Coryell, Board Secretary