

Friends of the Waterboro Public Library Spring 2010

Who is FOWPL? We have been meeting weekly, working to raise money and to encourage a **YES** vote on the **November** ballot referendum to construct a new library & community center.

Jack Seery is President. He has been with this project since 2003 when he helped create the Strategic Plan and has been a Friend since 2006.

Gail Nichols is our treasurer. She brings administrative and fundraising experience.

Terry Lowell is our secretary. She is our publicity person, is designing and producing all our print material and has updated the FOWPL Presentation Booklet.

Roxie and Victor Wright are major donors. They have pledged the roof for the new building and are very involved in all the aspects of our fundraising.

Deb Downs is coordinating our grant writing. She recently submitted a request for a Federal appropriation of \$500,000 through the office of Representative Pingree. A similar application was submitted through the offices of Senators Snowe and Collins. In April we expect to know if Rep. Pingree has successfully sent our request on to the House Appropriations Committee. Since the Federal Government is funding "Community Centers", we articulated our request by emphasizing the library as a community center. We continue to pursue multiple grants.

David Wright is coordinating a **Community Pig Roast**, Sunday, June 27th at the Taylor House from 1:00 to 4:00pm. This library benefit event will be a family fun time with good food, music, raffles and games for younger children. Its primary purpose is to call attention to our campaign to build a new library and community center. We will be handing out information and encouraging a "YES" vote on the November bond referendum.

Rep. Joseph Wagner has been helpful in communicating with Congressional offices around our request for Federal money and has been very supportive..

Brigit McCallum, Sherri Alcock, Bobbi Gallant and Jon Gale all remain involved in various aspects of our efforts.

Moving Forward

Donation Drive: We will soon begin to approach individuals in town regarding their support for the new library and requesting a significant donation either as direct contribution or a pledged amount over several years.

Publicity: In April we start a seven month publicity campaign. You will see stories and ads in the Reporter, Tri-folds around town, use of the local Cable Access channel and bulletin boards.

Fundraising Events: In addition to the Community Pig Roast June 27th, please mark your calendar and save the date of October 2nd for our 2nd Annual Gala & Silent Auction.

November Referendum: Please vote **YES** for a Construction Bond on the ballot November 2nd.

If you need more information or would like to help us with any of these endeavors, we would appreciate it. We meet at the Heritage Company, 545 Main Street every Monday evening at 7:00.

Thank you for your interest,

Jack Seery, President

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