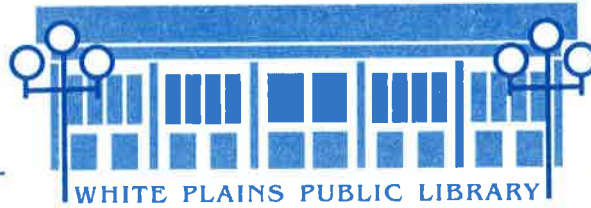


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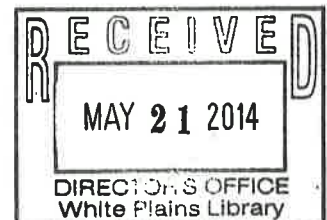
On this lovely Spring day, Brian welcomed an audience of 40 and proceeded to extoll the virtues of the Friends...the things we do, what we sponsor ,how we assist the Library and staff etc. We thank him for his kind words.

Rhoda then introduced our guest, author Marta McDowell. Her book "Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life" is charming and filled with wonderful photos and illustrations which projected beautifully on the large screen. Marta blends her own love of gardening and writing to take us on Beatrix Potter's own journey from early childhood to her later years. Her description of Potter's interest in gardens and the eventual introduction of Peter Rabbit make a vivid picture of life in the Lake district of England in the 1800s. We learned a great deal about Beatrix Potter's personal life, her enduring love of things that grow and certainly much about Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail and naughty Benjamin Bunny. It was a charming entry into her world and everyone was delighted with Marta's presentation. Her book sold nicely and she graciously signed them.

Thanks to Betty, refreshments were plentiful and artfully arranged...as is Betty's style.

Although we always hope for a large audience, we are pleased that this program was so positively received.


Leatrice Palmer
Secretary



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ATTENDING: Betty Barone, Libby Hollahan, Elizabeth Hughes, Brian Kenney, Mary Leslie, Lee Palmer, Rhoda Phillips, Faith Robinson, Clare Stuart.

The meeting started promptly at 10 AM and we all signed a condolence card to Charlotte Ayers on the death of her husband, Dick. Charlotte is a past Board member and Dick was a comics illustrator who was a guest at our annual meeting several years ago.

We welcome Clare - it was good to see her back with us. Rhoda reported a bank balance of \$38,481.90 and reminded us that the second \$10,000 that we pledged for the renovation of the first floor is due in June.

Brian spoke about an exciting activity to occur during May. All the 6th graders in White Plains now attend one school...Eastview. They will be divided into 4 groups and each group will spend a day at the Library. They will be introduced to the Edge and learn what it has to offer. Up to now their Library visits have been limited to the Trove - now they will be able to experience all sections of the Library and for the day may roam the building to see what's available to them. There will be time for them to have lunch and have some fun experiences too and we hope they feel comfortable here and will become valued patrons as they mature.

Brian also mentioned that many of the staff will be attending Book Expo in May.

Libby gave a further explanation of the Donor software program. Because the Friends use of that list is so much less than the Foundation, our share of the cost is less. However, instead of paying a set amount each year, Clare suggested we pay a percentage since the price may vary from year to year. Libby then went on to amaze and delight us with the news that the Foundation is going to honor the Friends at the gala in November. What a surprise and how exciting is that! We would like to offer our thanks for this honor - we are truly thrilled. The Trove will also be recognized, as this is their 10th anniversary.

Plans are being finalized for the Bob Mills concert on September 21st...mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Have a lovely summer - we'll be in touch before the September meeting.


Leatrice Palmer
Secretary

