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NATIONAL BOOK SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARDS GRANT OF MATERIALS WORTH \$2,162 TO LVT

The National Book Scholarship Fund has awarded LVT a grant of books, workbooks and tapes valued at \$2,162.00. All are published by ProLiteracy.

Thanks to the grant, we now have a large supply of the Voyager materials that are so popular with our tutors. In addition we have received a number of books and workbooks covering citizenship and the workplace to supplement what we already have. Tapes that have been requested by our tutors are also on hand.

To activate the grant, we made a donation of 10% of the amount to further the work of the Fund.

In the future we will need to file a report on the use of what we received and how it helped the students. Once the materials are available in the tutoring center, the tutor borrowing a book will find a report form in the pocket. We ask that the report be submitted when the tutor returns the book.

ACCREDITATION PREPARATION ON SCHEDULE; SITE VISIT EXPECTED WEEK OF APRIL 24

Mark Cass of ProLiteracy has notified us that the accreditation site visit will be scheduled during the week of April 24.

Committee member Candie Frankel, building on the material written up by committee chair Joe Ambrose, has been busy preparing enlarged responses dealing with each requirement for accreditation, and assembling the backup documentation. The other members of the committee are assisting her.

Joe Ambrose will return home on April 15 and will be on hand for the site visit.

ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 10; ENTIRE BOARD TO BE ELECTED

Literacy Volunteers of the Tarrytowns will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, June 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Warner Library. The entire Board of Directors will be elected at the meeting.

In addition, program directors will make brief reports, and volunteers who have served for five years or a multiple of five years will receive pins in recognition of their achievement.

All members will receive invitations in the mail, and we hope for a good turnout at the meeting. Anyone unable to attend will be asked to submit a proxy; a form will be enclosed with the invitation.

ROTARY CLUB AWARDS GRANT OF \$500 TO LVT

The Rotary Club of the Tarrytowns has renewed its support of Literacy Volunteers and its program with another grant of \$500.00.

In a letter accompanying the grant, Mr. John R. Jolly expressed a wish that the grant might support other fund-raising efforts for our program. We assured him that part of the money would be used for the expense of training Best Plus testers, a necessary part of our work if we are to continue to receive A.L.E. funds. Also, we advised him that an additional amount would be used to pay for placing our web site on the internet - a move that should attract more donations as well as additional numbers of volunteers.

Rotary asked us to place an ad in the program for its March 27 fundraiser. Our board approved the expenditure, and Candie Frankel prepared and placed the business card ad.

We appreciate Rotary's continued support!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Board of Directors appointed Alice Brothers, Geraldine Dent and Sharon Hart as a nominating committee to seek volunteers for the Board of Directors and to present a slate to the board at its May meeting.

The entire board is to be elected this year with members to serve for two years.

BEST PLUS TEST IS ON HOLD;
NEW VOLUNTEERS SEEK TRAINING

Two volunteers, Judy Levine and Louise Raybin, are waiting patiently to join Sharon Hart and Janine O'Brien as Best Plus testers.

We had been expecting Rosalinde Mecca of Literacy New York to send someone here to train them, but Rosalinde has advised us that it will not be possible for LNY to do this, unless we can assemble a group of 25 people and secure access to a computer lab.

Sharon Hart, who is in charge of our Best Plus testing, is hoping for a training session in Newburgh or perhaps at the Literacy Assistance Center in New York City.

In the meantime the Best Plus testing program, which the Board of Directors voted to adopt, is on hold until we have enough trained people to administer the tests.

\$1,300 GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR EXPECTED
FROM A.L.E. VIA LITERACY NEW YORK

Literacy New York has allotted our organization a grant of \$1,300.00 for the current fiscal year. We already have received an advance of \$325.00. Invoices and cancelled checks for July-December are now being sent to LNY and we can expect additional funds to arrive soon.

The grant is applied to many of our basic expenses including office supplies, postage, affiliate fee and liability insurance.

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT
USED FOR EQUIPMENT AND ADVERTISING

The grant of \$5,000.00 from the Westchester Community Foundation has enabled us to purchase a laptop computer and computer projector, both in use during the current workshop. We have been able to acquire two additional video players for the tutoring center. This grant has also made it possible to run three ads in River Journal.

Plans for expenditure of the remaining funds include purchase of teaching materials, and possibly the acquisition of some new tape recorders.

WEB SITE PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION

The LVT web site, which Nelson Correa and Promila Saxena are developing, using text prepared by Candie Frankel with assistance from Lucille Hutchinson, will be available soon for members to view on their home computers using a special link.

It will include a home page, history of LVT, FAQs, member and student newsletters, community links, and other features. A photo of Warner Library will appear across the top band.

DATA BASE IN USE

Anne Cahill and Candie Frankel have been busy entering data on students, tutors and tutoring hours in our new data base.

They are working under the guidance of Nelson Correa, who designed the data base specifically to meet the needs of our organization, and donated the software.

NEXT BOARD MEETING MAY 8

The Board of Directors will hold its next regular meeting on May 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the library.

Members of the organization are always welcome to attend as observers.

DONALD SOMMER RESIGNS FROM BOARD

It was with great regret that the Board of Directors, at its March 13 meeting, read and accepted a letter of resignation from Donald Sommer.

Don has served as a tutor and tutor adviser, and he has prepared and given a number of in-service workshops. On the board he held the post of assistant treasurer.

Ill health forced Don to make the decision to resign from the board, but he will continue as a tutor adviser. We hope that his health will improve, and we thank him for all he has accomplished for LVT.

NELSON CORREA APPOINTED A BOARD MEMBER

Nelson Correa, who joined us as a tutor and who has created our data bank and web site, and donated a computer monitor, was appointed to the Board of Directors at its March meeting. He fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Don Sommer.

Nelson also was appointed statistician, replacing Tom Dent.

SR. ANNA MARIA LIONETTI RESIGNS;
HER REPLACEMENT IS SR. MARGARET HOYNE

Sister Anna Maria Lionetti, representative of the LIFE Center on the LVT Board of Directors, has gone on a sabbatical and is undergoing additional training by her order.

Sr. Anna Maria was anxious to have the LIFE Center represented on the board during her absence. Our constitution does not have a provision for a board member to send a substitute, so she decided to resign temporarily, and asked the board to appoint Sister Margaret Hoyne as LIFE Center representative for the remainder of the current term.

Sr. Margaret was appointed to the board to serve until the annual meeting. At that time Sr. Anna Maria will be nominated to a new term.

Sr. Margaret attended the March board meeting and was welcomed by all.

TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP BEGAN MARCH 4;
NINE VOLUNTEERS ARE ENROLLED

Workshop Leader Mary Jane Driscoll reports that nine volunteers are taking the spring ESOL tutor training workshop which began March 4 and is continuing every Saturday morning through April 8, when certificates will be awarded.

Sharon Hart is the assistant leader of the workshop.

All of those enrolled in the workshop plan to tutor here. We look forward to welcoming them as members of LVT.

SHARON HART IS ASSISTANT TREASURER

When Treasurer Alice Brothers fell down and injured her knee, and was scheduled for knee surgery, she was very anxious to have someone serve as assistant treasurer until the annual meeting. Sharon Hart volunteered and assumed the post, to be available as needed.

Alice had her surgery and she is doing well.

FOLLOW-UP SESSION MAY 20
FOR GRADUATES OF SPRING WORKSHOP

Graduates of the spring workshop will meet on Saturday, May 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They will discuss their initial tutoring experiences, and be able to share ideas about how they have planned their lessons to serve individual students.

Mary Jane Driscoll will chair the discussion.

We look forward to sharing their stories with all of our readers in the next issue of this newsletter.

MATCHER ANNE CAHILL TO BE HOMEBOUND
FOR A WHILE AFTER APRIL 20

Our tutor-student matcher, Anne Cahill, will undergo surgery on April 20. She won't be able to come to Warner Library for a while but she will continue to perform her matching duties from her home.

MARY JANE DRISCOLL SEEKING ASSISTANTS
FOR THE FALL 2006 TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

Workshop leader Mary Jane Driscoll is losing her assistant leader, Sharon Hart, for the fall ESOL workshop. Sharon is expecting her second child in September and she will be very busy caring for the new arrival. Congratulations, Sharon!

Mary Jane is appealing for volunteers to assume the many functions that Sharon usually performs. Anyone who is interested is urged to call Mary Jane at 332-4859. It isn't too early to call!

A REMINDER. Maria Weeks needs stories written by our students for The Student News. Please submit your student's work.

C A L E N D A R

APRIL	8	Closing Session of Spring ESOL Workshop	9:00 a.m. - noon
	Week of 24	Accreditation Site Visit	
MAY	8	Board of Directors Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	20	Follow-up Session Spring ESOL Workshop	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
JUNE	12	ANNUAL MEETING	11:00 a.m.
		Board of Directors Meeting	12:00 noon

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