

Mansfield

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'Friends of Library' Unit Organized

MANSFIELD —A group of 18 residents met Wednesday to form a Friends of the Library Association. Mrs. Thea Field served as chairman for the organizational meeting.

Residents voted to make the Friends of the Library a private group. It is not part of the town government, they said. The new organization will provide financial and service support to the library.

A temporary steering committee was appointed to draw up bylaws and present a list of permanent officers. Serving on the steering committee are:

Charles McLaughlin, president; Jane Blanchard, secretary; David Fisher, treasurer. Committee members are: Betsey Hamill, Lucianne Elmore and Jan Scottron.

The next general meeting will be in September, 1973.

Those at the meeting voted \$1 dues, or an equivalent amount of donated time.

Mrs. Field said the Friends of the Library have \$200 available from the former Mansfield Center Library Association.

At Wednesday's meeting she spoke briefly on ways the Friends could help the library.

They could make surveys on how the library is meeting the community's needs, she said. They also could watch the statewide legislation on libraries and could encourage young people to be interested in library work as a career, she said.

Financial assistance could come through bequests, endowments or special gifts in celebration of a birth or other events, she said.

Members at the meeting toured Buchanan School facility that will be renovated for use as the town library.