

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: May 4, 2016.

Present: Nancy Axelson, Lisa Hayes, Stacy Kinnaly, Donna Onacki, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, and Sheila Tanguay.

Discussed:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved
2. Treasurer's Report - \$3234.91
3. Summer Reading Program:
 - Previously voted to fund a Fitbit for the Children's Program.
 - We weren't certain if there were going to be two prizes, one for older and one for younger children.
 - We need to ask Barbara if she is requesting a prize for an Adult Reading Program.
4. Flatbread Pizza Fundraiser, Tuesday, June 7, from 5:00 – 9:00 pm:
 - Shifts:
 - 4:45 – 6:00 – Deborah & Sheila
 - 6:00 – 7:00 – Donna
 - 7:00 – 8:00 – Jane
 - 8:00 – 9:00 – Lisa
 - Raffle prizes – Barbara had organized items to be placed into baskets for a raffle. There appears to be enough for two baskets, and since we already have one basket, we will need to purchase another.
 - Raffle tickets - \$2.00 for one ticket, \$5.00 for three tickets.
 - Publicity – Deborah to send press releases, Alisha to create Facebook invite, Barbara to send emails, Stacy to send info to LAS.
5. Local author program, Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 pm:
 - Refreshments:
 - Alisha – brownies
 - Jane – water
 - Lisa – meringues
 - Nancy – dessert
 - Deborah – cookies
 - Have updated Friends' brochure available

6. Ballroom Dancing Fundraiser:
 - Antonio Cassetta is available in November and interested in helping, possibly November 12.
 - He would like to attend a Friends' meeting in June to discuss it in more detail.
7. Chili Cook off – mid -October:
 - Alisha discussed with Jay Lord, about hosting this at the Fire Department, and he agreed. Date needs to be set.
8. Museum Memberships:
 - Discussed the cost of membership at the Peabody Essex Museum - \$350.00 for daily disposable passes. Each pass entitles two people to a discounted admission of \$5.00 per person, Tuesday – Friday, and \$10 per person on Saturdays, Sundays, and holiday Mondays.
 - Voted to purchase library membership for the Peabody Essex Museum.
 - Voted to renew membership to the Seacoast Science Center at \$100.00.
9. Poker Room Fundraiser:
 - Alisha has tried both calling and registering on their webpage, with no success.
 - We may need to attend an orientation to be allowed to do fundraising there.
 - Alisha thought it might be helpful to have the name of a local contact to ask for information and Stacy gave her a name.
 - The Friends' will be ready to apply after May 15.
10. Microphone:
 - Donna had conducted research and found a deal on a cordless clip microphone for \$99.00 through Sweetwater.
 - Carol purchased a sound system and microphone through Sweetwater.
 - Discussed purchasing both a cordless clip mic and possibly a handheld mic.
11. Friends' elections at June meeting.
12. Stacy regretfully informed us that she will need to step back to a much smaller role with the Friends and probably won't be able to attend meetings. She did agree to offer help when needed, including posters.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Action items:

1. Deborah will ask Carol and Barbara if there is a need for additional prizes for the summer reading programs – children and adult.
2. Deborah will ask Barbara if she needs the assistance for the Friends in set up for the local author panel, and what type of set up she would like.
3. Deborah will ask Kelley McLean if she would be willing to make/help make the baskets for the raffle at the pizza fundraiser.
4. Alisha will send in membership application and check for the Peabody Essex Museum.
5. Alisha will renew the membership for the Seacoast Science Center.
6. Stacy will create a poster for the Friends' bulletin board about museum memberships.
7. Alisha will create a Facebook invite for the Flatbread Pizza fundraiser.
8. We will ask Barbara to include the Flatbread fundraiser in the library email.
9. Deborah will send out press releases.
10. Stacy will send out information to LAS.
11. Alisha will update the Friends' brochure in time for the local author panel.
12. Judy will invite Antonio to our June meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Regan, Secretary