

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: April 6, 2016.

Present: Judy Haskell, Lisa Hayes, Donna Onacki, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, and Barbara Tosiano

Discussed:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved
2. Treasurer's Report - \$3,234.91.00
 - Alisha contacted the State of NH Non-Profit Division and was told again that it had not been processed yet.
 - Our two-year date of filing will be on May 15.
3. Summer Reading Program: Fitness & Health Theme
 - Antonio Cassetta will teach the children simple ballroom dancing on Wednesday, June 22 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
 - Carol Sanborn asked the Friends if we would consider donating a prize for the reading program. She suggested a Fitbit, which would cost about \$100.00. The Friends voted to approve this item.
 - Mark Lane will help with T-shirts.
4. T.J. Wheeler "Taste of New Orleans" Event – well attended, nice to see families attend
5. Museum Memberships:
 - Seacoast Science Center – may not renew, not sued much
 - Museum of Fine Arts – used the most, not a Friends' membership
 - Strawberry Banke – will renew this when needed, versatile and flexible with events
 - Currier Museum – popular and close by
 - Discussed Peabody Essex Museum
6. Ramblin Richard: November 15, 2016.
 - He will be performing at the American Independence Museum in Exeter on May 4, and Barbara will attend.
7. Flatbread Fundraiser: June 7, from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 - At our May meeting, we will set up a schedule and discuss publicity.
 - Barbara will bring the HFFL sign to Flatbread in May.

- We will prepare a basket or two to raffle with wine, wine accessories and books.
8. Local Author's Program: May 10, at 6:30 p.m.
 - Barbara arranged for 12 local authors who are planning to attend.
 - The Friends will prepare refreshments and will bring brochures.
 9. Ballroom dancing as a fundraiser:
 - Antonio Cassetta has volunteered his time to teach ballroom dancing as a fundraising event.
 - He has his own insurance.
 - We discussed asking if we could hold this at the HF Town Hall.
 - We could publicize it as dessert and dancing and the Friends could bring the desserts.
 10. General publicizing of the Friends at events:
 - We discussed taking turns mentioning the Friends at any event, welcoming new members and holding up the donation box.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Action items:

1. Deborah will contact the Peabody Essex Museum about a library membership and expansion plans.
 2. Prepare publicity in May for the Flatbread Fundraiser on June 7.
 3. Refreshments for the Garden Pollinator's event on Tuesday, April 12:
 - Donna – lavender cookies
 - Barbara – cookies
 - Lisa – meringues
 - Sheila – cookies
 - Jane – water
 - Deborah – lemon tea cake
- 5:30 – set up time
4. Alisha will ask Jay Lord about having a Chili Cook off at the Fire House, possibly a Friday in mid-October.
 5. Judy will contact Antonio Cassetta about a ballroom dancing fundraiser on a Friday or Saturday night in early November.

6. At May meeting: determine who will put the basket together for the raffle at the Flatbread fundraiser.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Regan, Secretary