Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: August 9, 2016

Present: Lisa Hayes, Donna Onacki, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, Sheila Tanguay, and Barbara Tosiano.

Discussed:

1. **Treasurer's Report** - \$2,001.12. Discussed need to raise funds soon.

2. Museum Membership:

 Strawberry Banke honored our Library Membership for a resident that visited on a Monday and had not been able to obtain the physical pass due to Library closure on Sundays/ Mondays. Noted this was a very 'customer friendly' thing to do.

3. Chili Cook off Fundraiser:

- Agreed that Saturday, October 15 would be better than Friday.
 Alisha to confirm with Jay Lord.
- Entry fee of \$5.00 seemed reasonable for chili submissions.
- Noted that applications should include instructions for all ingredients to be listed on card for display (ie. Food allergies and sensitivities)
- \$5 per person attending, with \$25 cap for family
- Possible prizes: Denim apron, Mug/ stein, t-shirt, hat, fire extinguisher....
- Ride in a HF fire truck ok'd by Chief Lord.
- Possible categories: Best Beef Chili, Best Chicken Chili, Best Vegetarian, Most Creative Concoction and Where's the Fire Extinguisher
- Friends would supply: Fixings Table sour cream, cheese, jalapenos, corn bread, nacho chips...
- Also Napkins, spoons, sampling and beverage cups, along with lemonade and water as beverages.
- Publicity HFFL BookSale, Library and Safety Complex Sign, perhaps Town Common Sign, Email through Library and LAS, Facebook Event, Posters, perhaps set up Easel at the Fire Department Food Tent at September Craft Fair on Town Common

4. Ballroom Dancing Fundraiser:

- Barbara confirmed with Judy that Antonio is good for Nov. 12, will need to confirm space availability with town.
- This is Saturday of a long weekend, with Veteran's Day falling on the Friday.

5. Microphone update:

Tests have gone well. Will be using for an event soon.

6. Flatbread Pizza fundraiser:

 No funds received as yet. Barbara followed up post meeting and check for \$225 is expected shortly.

7. Hampton Falls Living Magazine article:

Sheila to submit for future publication.

8. Poker Room Update:

• Alisha has made contact with the Poker Room. No responses as yet.

9. Upcoming Library Programs, presented by Barbara:

- Sally Mummey, acting as Mary Todd Lincoln, partly funded by the NH Humanities Council, scheduled for February 21, 2017.
- Preston Heller mind reader, mentalist, asks for a \$150.00 donation to a food pantry. Barbara contacted him about early April date, possibly April 4.
- 10. With so many events already scheduled, we discussed creating a card stock book mark to advertise them when dates finalized.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. Note that there will not be a meeting in July.

Action items:

- 1. Alisha will send follow up email(s) to Poker Room
- 2. Barbara to follow up with Flatbreads on funds (done), Judy re. Ballroom Dancing (done), submit events to Hampton Falls Living (done)
- 3. Alisha continue refining poster for Chili Cookoff (edits done)
- 4. Sheila to submit Friends profile to Hampton Falls Living

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Tanguay, Secretary for the evening