

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday January 13, 2021, via Zoom

Present: Susi Burke, Donna Onacki, Deborah Regan, Jane Shanahan, Jean Storer, Sheila Tanguay, Barbara Tosiano, Judy Wilson

Discussed:

1. December Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurers report - Accepted
 - a. \$22,420.52 with one outstanding check for fingerprinting
3. Library Director Report
 - a. Thanks for funding Polar Express hot chocolate gifts – big hit. 35 so equal participants to in person in past. Leah will get receipts to Alisha for reimbursement
4. COVID-19 Update
 - a. Still same 3 days a week, Tues/Thurs/Sat
 - b. Lots of curbside – 800 total in 2020
 - c. Summer Reading – may put big programs at end because in person will be awhile based on vaccination schedules currently
 - d. Other local libraries are closed for in person
5. Museum Pass Updates
 - a. Nothing coming up for renewal right now
 - b. Holding pattern on this
6. Fundraisers
 - a. Hannafords Bag Program
 - i. Need to verify with Alisha if proceeds were received
7. Children's Book from Eureka Casinos
 - a. Received books written by an employee in Mesquite Nevada
 - b. Donkey books and Rescue Donkey
8. Upcoming Virtual Options
 - a. January 14th, 6:30
 - i. Notes from Alaska (traveled around Alaska in RV)
 - ii. Dan Szczesny
 - iii. Local Author
 - iv. \$150 sponsored by Friends
 - b. Feb 18th, Thursday 6:30
 - i. The Finest Hours
 - ii. Michael Tougias
 - iii. NH Humanities
 - c. March 16th, Tuesday 6:30
 - i. Sean Murphy
 - ii. The Christianization of Ireland
 - iii. \$200
 - d. April 8th, Thursday, 6:30
 - i. Paul Revere, The Man, The Myth
 - ii. Historic New England
 - iii. Michael Maler, Robert Shimp, Director of Paul Revere house
 - iv. \$200 sponsored by Friends (approved)

e. Ideas

- i. Medicare 101, North Hampton connection
- ii. Barbara would maybe like to do something with The Hidden History of NH Seacoast, author Terry Nelson. Donna has a friend who works for Discover Portsmouth so she will see if there is a contact
- iii. Barbara looking to do outdoor easy exercise program, like balance or stretching. Maybe Bone Builders or something like that. Donna can check with yoga and pilates instructors who may know people who do this type of program. Stratham Parks and Rec does this – Jane will reach out. Possibly chair yoga as well
- iv. Community Scarecrow project – kit from historical society and community wide thing in Chester. Scarecrows quite elaborate. Laura Pouliot brought this idea up to Barbara

9. New Subscription updates

- a. Master Class - not good for volume
- b. Acorn and Universal Class are merging with Overdrive
- c. Donna to circle back with Acorn/Universal Class/Overdrive if she doesn't hear within a week or so
- d. Approved up to \$600; Donna will email with subscription details
- e. Weeks library in Greenland offers this now

10. Town Report

- a. Thanks Judy for the report for the Friends!

Action Items:

- **Donna:** Reach out to Discover Portsmouth about Hidden History of Seacoast
- **Donna:** Reach out to yoga/pilates community about Bone Builders or Tai Chi instructors that may help
- **Jane:** will check with Stratham Parks and Rec

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 PM

Next meeting: February 3, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary