

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday February 3, 2021, via Zoom

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

Discussed:

1. January Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurers report - Accepted
 - a. \$22,168.57
 - i. 3 checks outstanding including fingerprinting check. Fingerprinting didn't happen so this may not be cashed?
3. Library Director Report
 - a. Leah would like Friends to fund Seacoast Science Center virtual event for last week of Feb, Creatures in Gulf of Maine, \$50, approved
 - b. Notes from Alaska, January 14th, 6:30 – 24 people, engaging speaker
4. COVID-19 Update
 - a. Still same 3 days a week, Tues/Thurs/Sat
 - b. Lots of curbside still – 100 bags of books
 - c. Summer Reading – moving forward, maybe some events in person outside; may need tent or microphone, Town owns one tent that library may be able to borrow 10x10 or 12 x12, library may purchase another small one to go along with that.
5. Museum Pass Updates
 - a. Wright Museum - \$125, 4 people for free on pass, open in May, have women in military exhibits planned, renew on renewal date approved
 - b. Currier Museum - \$80, 50% off, renew on renewal date approved
 - c. Outdoor Options – think about options for next month
 - i. Andres Institute of Art and Sculpture Garden, Brookline, New Hampshire brought up but looks like it is free
6. Fundraisers
 - a. Hannafords Bag Program
 - i. Proceeds were not received yet
 - b. Scarecrows – Chester does this. Got idea from town in Finland. Residents buy basics from Chester Historical Society for \$25 (painted burlap bag and stick body). We could do in fall but promote at Summer Reading Program. Good community building effort. Maybe partner with Eagle scouts. Barbara will call Chester Historical Society and get more information.
7. Subscriptions/Streaming Service
 - a. Overdrive Acquisition of Acorn and Universal Class. Subscription information will come in March and they will contact us.
8. Upcoming Virtual Options
 - a. Feb 18th, Thursday 6:30
 - i. The Finest Hours
 - ii. Michael Tougias
 - iii. NH Humanities
 - b. March 16th, Tuesday 6:30
 - i. Sean Murphy

- ii. The Christianization of Ireland
- iii. \$200
- c. 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)
- d. Ideas
 - i. Medicare 101, Barbara has North Hampton connection and contact with AARP; maybe 3 part for Seniors in Sept/Oct. Would be good to have program for people with power of attorney as well
 - ii. Veterinarian program – Barbara was not able to reach him; we will put this on hold for now.
 - iii. Outdoor movement
 - 1. Donna identified two Tai Chi people and she signed up for classes with both. If good, she will contact about doing outdoor summer program
 - 2. Jane called Stratham Rec and spoke to director who told her to call Addie. Jane is scheduled to speak with Addie tomorrow. It was their most popular program, great outdoors, only need chair. Need weights and they are hard to find now. Twice a week/ 6 or 8 weeks
 - 3. Barbara touched based with Tai Chi person for Hampton Rec. \$50/hour, weekly
 - iv. Sea Shanty – Portsmouth has a sea shanty group; maybe do a program with this. There is a virtual event Feb 13th - <https://www.facebook.com/PMFF.NH/>

Action Items:

- **Barbara:** will call Chester Historical Society and get more information about Scarecrows.
- **Susi:** Contact Myf about YA program – maybe springtime/May?
- **Deborah:** will look into Sea Shanty group

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 PM

Next meeting: March 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary