

# Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

**Date:** Wednesday March 3, 2021, via Zoom

**Present:** Susi Burke, Deborah Regan, Jane Shanahan, Barbara Tosiano, Judy Wilson

## **Discussed:**

1. February Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurers report - Accepted
  - a. \$22,168.57 – Alisha not here but sent that the balance was the same as last month
3. Library Director Report
  - a. Still 3 days a week, Tues/Thurs/Sat
  - b. Lots of curbside still – 100+ bags of books
  - c. Feb vacation – Seacoast Science Center virtual presentation, 15 attended and presenter went more than ½ hour. May try to do another for April vacation
  - d. Summer Reading – moving forward, some events in person outside. Popular programs may have two sessions that are smaller so they can be managed easily for COVID protocols. Town owns 2 tents that library will be able to borrow and do as much outdoors as possible.
4. Museum Pass Updates
  - a. Make decisions on indoor museums in June
    - i. Gardner \$195
    - ii. Portland Museum of Art \$250
  - b. Bedrock Gardens – talk about this in May, opens May 12<sup>th</sup>
  - c. The Fells - \$100 approved
  - d. State Park Passes look like they is available now. <https://www.nhstateparks.org/planning/schedule-and-fees/passes-promotions>. Nothing on site that shows library pass info. Barbara will check this out with her contact. Approved up to \$150 for this.
5. Fundraisers
  - a. Hannafords Bag Program
    - i. Proceeds were not received yet
    - ii. Judy will check into this if a check doesn't come in a couple weeks
  - b. Scarecrows – a lot of work, not a lot of return. Chester Historical Society actually builds them, does not use a kit. Decided not worth it for now.
6. Subscriptions/Streaming Service
  - a. No updates on this yet
7. Completed Programs
  - a. Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 6:30, The Finest Hours, Michael Tougias (NH Humanities)
    - i. Great presentation, one of best speakers
    - ii. 36 people
8. Upcoming Virtual Options
  - a. The Christianization of Ireland
    - i. March 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 6:30
    - ii. Sean Murphy
    - iii. \$200
    - iv. Up to 40 people signed up so far!
  - b. Paul Revere, The Man, The Myth
    - i. April 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 6:30

- ii. Historic New England
  - iii. Michael Maler, Robert Shimp, Director of Paul Revere house
  - iv. \$200 sponsored by Friends (approved)
  - v. People starting to sign up for this already
- c. Ideas
- i. Sea Shanty
    - 1. Jerry Bryant of Amherst, MA
    - 2. You can find him on YouTube, Sea Chanteys, Spanish Ladies.
    - 3. His website is: jerrybryantsings
    - 4. \$150 for Zoom program in May, 45-50 minute presentation, singing and history and then Q&A, Approved for \$150
  - ii. Medicare 101, Barbara has North Hampton connection and contact with AARP; maybe 3 part for Seniors in Sept/Oct. Try to do this in person in fall.
  - iii. Outdoor movement
    - 1. Great response to Tai Chi, 12 called from newsletter survey to say yes they would be interested.
      - a. Barbara contacted Chris Himmel from Great Bay Tai Chi. Hampton Rec uses them. \$50 a class and has insurance. Barbara will get back to him about availability. Town may have some money for it?
      - b. Would want to start in June, 12-15 weeks if we can be outside
    - 2. Jane found out more about Bone Builders. Talked to Addy from NH Friends, state level program, RSVP – retired senior volunteer program. Atkinson, Kingston libraries use this program. Commitment for 1 year, they take care of finding volunteers but need to get weights, twice a week classes. Not enough space to be able to do this indoors at library so decided against pursuing for now
  - iv. Container Gardening
    - 1. Weekend in May
    - 2. Owners of Churchills live in NH, Barbara will touch base with them.
    - 3. Erin is master gardener

**Action Items:**

- **Barbara:** will check about NH State Parks Pass

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:30 PM

**Next meeting:** April 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Susi Burke, Secretary