

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday May 5, 2021, via Zoom

Present: Nancy Axelson, Susi Burke, Leah Knowlton, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, Jean Storer, Sheila Tanguay, Judy Wilson

Discussed:

1. April Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurer’s report - Accepted
 - a. \$ 21,358.57 – Alisha doesn’t have latest statement. There are some checks to deposit and some outstanding checks
3. Library Director Report
 - a. Barbara out of town; Leah gave report
 - b. Megan Doerr has offered to sponsor a program at Summer Reading. Leah waiting to hear from Museum of Science; iffy in Feb about programs; She reached out a few days ago. Cost is \$330 for 1 program \$430 for two programs back-to-back. May want Friends to cover half? Will discuss in June meeting.
 - c. Rubins family donation to sponsor Alex the Jester, \$525 plus mileage, Rubins gave \$500 to Friends so Friends will cover \$500, and library budget will cover the rest. alexthejester.com.
 - d. Approved funding for \$1,000 for Summer Reading program to be spent at the discretion of Leah and Barbara
 - e. Summer Reading will be held every other Wednesday
4. Museum Pass Updates
 - a. Make decisions on indoor museums in June
 - i. Gardner \$195
 - ii. Portland Museum of Art \$250
 - b. Bedrock Gardens, State Park Passes, The Fells, Historic New England, Wright Museum – paid
 - c. Fuller Gardens – waiting to hear from Barbara about if family pass is valid for library, \$100 was approved in April
5. Fundraisers
6. Subscriptions/Streaming Service
 - a. Hoopla live on May 17th.
7. Completed Programs
 - a. Paul Revere, The Man, The Myth
 - i. Friends who went said it was a wonderful program
 - ii. April 8th, Thursday, 6:30;
 - iii. Historic New England; Michael Maler, Robert Shimp, Director of Paul Revere house
 - iv. \$200 sponsored by Friends
8. Upcoming Options
 - a. Container Gardening – In person
 - i. May 8th
 1. Rolling Green Nursery providing soil and plants; attendees bring containers
 - b. Sea Shanty
 - i. Jerry Bryant of Amherst, MA
 - ii. You can find him on YouTube, Sea Chanteys, Spanish Ladies, His website is: <https://jerrybryantsings.com/>
 - iii. 45-50 minute presentation, singing and history and then Q&A
 - iv. Approved \$150 in March

- v. May 13th
- c. Medicare 101, Barbara has North Hampton connection and contact with AARP; maybe 3 part for Seniors in Sept/Oct possibly in person.
- d. Myf and YA author circle. Plan for fall, in person if possible. Susi connected Myf and Barbara so they can plan
- e. Tai Chi
 - i. June 9th – July 28th
 - ii. Great Bay Tai Chi
 - iii. Sponsored by Frying Pan Lane Charity
 - iv. Leah thinks 2 slots left
- f. Sy Montgomery
 - i. Nov 13th
 - ii. LAS Auditorium can hold 75 people distanced?
- 9. Little Free Library
 - i. Judy checked on Etsy, eBay and Amazon but prices were higher than Little Free Library so will purchase through them
 - ii. Two locations proposed
 - 1. Governor Weare
 - a. Judy and Barbara went to April 19th Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to see if they could put it at Governor Weare Park – they unanimously approved idea. Parks & Rec Committee stipulated they wanted the right to decide where to put it for safety
 - b. Friends would pay for the cost of structure and ongoing maintenance and stocking
 - 2. Library
 - iii. \$1,500 unanimously approved for posts, shipping and two recycled easy care Little Libraries <https://littlefreelibrary.myshopify.com/collections/all-products/products/two-story-recycled-poly-shed-gray?variant=33578431447179> – can add in book as well
 - iv. This is Friend's responsibility that will monitor these libraries to make sure well stocked. Will do signup to keep an eye on them
 - v. Judy will come back at next meeting with more detailed budget and schedule installation
 - vi. Publicize these through social media and press release
- 10. Rubins Gift to Friends
 - a. \$500 – to be used for Summer Reading
 - b. Jane wrote Thank you letter

Action Items:

- **Susi:** Publicize Museums
- **Judy:** Finalize budget for Little Free Library
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Meeting adjourned: 7:30 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary