

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday June 2, 2021, in person!

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

Discussed:

1. May Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurer’s report - Accepted
 - a. \$ 20,370.57 – Does not include the 2nd \$500 summer reading program
3. Library Director Report
 - a. Opening full hours, mask wearing at discretion, staff wearing masks, slightly modified schedule, only one night, cut back a little on Friday since low on staff
 - b. Intern for summer for summer reading programs
4. Museum Pass Updates
 - a. Indoor museums
 - i. Gardner \$195
 - ii. Portland Museum of Art \$250
 - iii. No one is asking for them right now so we will wait for August to re-evaluate
 - b. Current Passes: Bedrock Gardens, State Park Passes, The Fells, Historic New England, Wright Museum
 - c. Fuller Gardens – Donna has been trying to find out but no response from them. We will hold an email vote if Donna is able to get information
5. Little Free Library
 - i. Free Little Libraries are up at Governor Weare and Hampton Falls Library
 - ii. Plaque shows this was funded through Friends of the Library
 - iii. We will all share maintenance duties associated with this
 1. Once every two weeks check on it
 2. Sheila will use Sign up Genius to set up schedule - <https://www.signupgenius.com>
 3. We will notify Barbara if low on books
 - iv. Publicize these through social media and press release
6. Subscriptions/Streaming Service
 - a. Hoopla live on May 17th.
 - b. Overdrive is not going to expand to offer Universal Class
7. Completed Programs
 - a. Container Gardening – happened in person, very successful, May 8th, 24 participants
 - b. Sea Shanty May 13th, Jerry Bryant of Amherst, MA, 30 people, good presenter, singing, illustrations
8. Upcoming Options/New Ideas
 - a. Tai Chi
 - i. June 9th – July 28th
 - ii. Great Bay Tai Chi
 - iii. Sponsored by Frying Pan Lane Charity
 - iv. All full - 14 people signed up
 - b. Sy Montgomery
 - i. Nov 13th
 - ii. LAS Auditorium can hold 75 people distanced?
 - c. Dennis Robinson – History of the Music Hall
 - i. Talked about Isle of Shoals before
 - ii. Has new book out about Music Hall
 - d. Alan Kerr – Portsmouth Herald columnist – author of book on The Thresher

- i. Program about Boats are popular
 - e. Myf and YA author circle. Susi connected Myf and Barbara so they can plan. Barbara will reach out and see if September will work. In person if possible
 - f. NH Humanities
 - i. No limit anymore so can do more than 2 programs
 - g. Library is looking into technology for hybrid programs
9. Officer Elections
 - a. Co-Chairs: Judy Wilson and Sheila Tanguay
 - b. Vice Chair: Deborah Regan
 - c. Secretary: Susi Burke
 - d. Treasurer: Alisha Roberts

Action Items:

- **Susi:** Publicize Little Free Library
- **Sheila:** Setup Sign up Genius for Little Free Library Maintenance

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 PM

Next meeting: September 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary