

# Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

**Date:** Wednesday Jan 5, 2022, remote

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

## **Discussed:**

1. December Minutes –Approved
2. Treasurer’s report - Accepted
  - a. Deposited 2 donations at end of November
    - i. \$500 Laura and Michael Pouliot – with matching coming of \$500 from Michael’s company
    - ii. \$1200 donation from the Rubin family
  - b. \$21418.26 including those deposits
  - c. Checks to go out: \$250 lottery and \$48 for fingerprinting
3. Director’s Report
  - a. Barbara out of town for Feb meeting; Joanna and Leah will be on
4. Renewal for NH Parks Pass
  - a. \$105, available now
  - b. Approved
5. Dover Poker Room
  - a. Alisha has everything ready to go. Don’t have specific dates yet. Don’t think we even have to show up for signatures now since rules have been changed
  - b. Jean’s email is [jean.storer@gmail.com](mailto:jean.storer@gmail.com)
6. Little Free Library
  - a. Holiday Books went well
  - b. Signs were buried by snow but Judy was able to retrieve them when the snow melted and Judy has them in the garage until spring
  - c. Need people to sign up for upcoming weeks, Sheila will send invite from Sign Up Genius
7. Writing Workshop update
  - a. Judy, Barbara and Deborah met with [Bonnar Spring](#) from NH Writers Workshop
  - b. Very impressed with her, she was very responsive and seems supportive
  - c. Has participants read 4-5 pages, asks group for feedback and then gives her feedback at end
  - d. Character, revision, dialog, setting, pov
  - e. Looking for Spring/April, maybe meet outside, Bonnar is comfortable doing hybrid. Not comfortable driving at night so maybe Saturday
  - f. 15 hours, \$750 honorarium, < 8 people. 2 ½ hours per session, 6 sessions
  - g. She’s a facilitator more than an instructor
  - h. Maybe a meet the author night beforehand so people can meet her.
  - i. Approved for \$750 to move forward
8. Completed Programs
  - a. Life Downstairs program
    - i. Humanities program; Ann McClennan; Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> on Zoom, 33 people
    - ii. She also does Sherlock Homes so may want to do that in future
  - b. Santa outside at Library Dec 4, went well, Jane served hot chocolate, nice backdrop from Churchills
  - c. Polar Express Dec 5, 56 kids 3 sessions
9. Upcoming Events/New Ideas

- a. National Parks, John Bunker, retired professor from UNH, Thurs, Jan 20, Zoom, donation to Yellowstone Trout project requested as honorarium, Barbara will donate because of a personal connection
  - b. Craft program, Wendy Harrington, Junk Journals, 6 people, \$5 materials fee, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - c. Black History Month, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> African American Soldiers and Sailors during the Revolution, NH Humanities, Zoom
  - d. Women's history/St. Patrick's Day, Sean Murphy, Role of Women in Irish History, Wed March 9<sup>th</sup>
  - e. April, Earth Day theme? Maybe Big Trees of NH if can do in person
10. Library of Things Ideas
- a. Snowshoes
    - i. Want to purchase 4 pairs with poles, 2 adult (diff sizes) and 2 children
    - ii. Donna will look into this
    - iii. \$800 approved for spending on this
  - b. Metal detector
    - i. Staff member would donate one they had that was only used once
  - c. Other ideas thrown out: Trail camera, tent, 3D printer, sewing machine, knitting needles, cake pans, fishing poles

**Action Items:**

- **Donna:** Look into snowshoes
- **Sheila:** Send invite for Free Little Library sign up genius

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:35 PM

**Next meeting:** Feb 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Susi Burke, Secretary