

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday January 8, 2020

Present: Nancy Axelson, Susi Burke, Lisa Hayes, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, Barbara Tosiano, Judy Wilson

Discussed:

1. December Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurers report
 - a. \$21,758.31
3. Seabrook Dog Track Update
 - a. Not on list for first 6 months of 2020
 - b. Under consideration for second 6 months
 - c. Received books from Gerri. Barbara had the idea to keep the kids relationship going and suggested maple syrup and pancake mix. Send pics of Lincoln Akerman sugar shack and kids making maple syrup.
4. Cookie Exchange Recap
 - a. 14 people
 - b. Lots of fun
 - c. No raffle happened because no tickets sold
5. Museum Update
 - a. Total of 74 passes this year – up 20
 - b. MFA – 20, NH State Parks – 10, Historic NE – 12
 - c. Currier Museum up for renewal now, only pays half of admission now – \$80 approved
 - d. Backpacks went out 5 times
 - e. Reviewed Boston museums – most expensive around \$700 (Childrens, Science and Aquarium); not going to do those currently
 - f. However, Gardner Museum is \$195 for \$5 admission – this one has been approved.
 - g. Barbara to investigate the Portland Art museum
6. Upcoming Program Updates
 - a. Egypt Program, Scott Falia
 - i. Jan 9th
 - ii. No refreshments necessary for this
 - b. Songs of Immigration – Irish music, Wed March 25th
 - i. Consider food to have at this event
 - c. Sarah Atkinson, April 9th
 - d. Earth Day Fair
 - i. April 22, Wednesday, 5-7
 - ii. Crafts like Milk bottles, Cutting wine bottles into glasses (Donna's husband does this)
 - iii. Maybe kids crafts using recycling
 - iv. Deborah to follow up with Mr. Fox composting business
 - v. Barbara to call trash company to try to get lists of what is allowed to recycle
 - vi. Hampton Falls Conservation committee
 - vii. Herb Farmacy? Lisa to follow up

- viii. Water Testing
- ix. Barbara to reach out to UNH
- x. Country Extension?
- xi. Alisha to contact Pontbriands about bees
- xii. Rain barrels/water collectors (Hampton gives them out)
- xiii. Sheila's friends with recycled bags
- xiv. Blue Ocean?
- e. Comedy/David Rattigan
 - i. Deborah went to an event where she works but didn't think his style of comedy was appropriate for our audience
7. Friends Stationary
 - a. About a dozen
 - b. Susi will purchase smaller cards and envelopes and get reimbursed
8. Authors Programs
 - a. Susi working on contacting some YA authors; will reach out to Myfanwy to see if she is interested or knows YA authors that may be.
 - b. Jane Healy – Saturday evening girls club, Beantown Girls (WWII)
 - c. True Kelley – originally from Hampton Falls, looks like she hasn't illustrated in awhile. Probably in her 70s
 - d. Early June?
9. Trash Barrel
 - a. Barbara is just using the trash bin at the town so the birds won't
10. Trustee updates (Judy Wilson)
 - a. 4 warrant articles – only one with tax impact, \$4000 for air conditioning.
 - b. Selectman having a budget meeting so could change

Action Items:

- **Susi:** Purchase cards/envelopes to make new (smaller) Friends stationary
- **Lisa:** Contact Herb Farmacy about Earth Day
- **Alisha:** Contact Pontbriands about Earth Day/Beekeeping
- **Susi:** contact Myf Collins about possible Authors for Programs – COMPLETED
- **Deborah:** Reach out to Jane Healey about Author Program

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday February 5, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary