

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday October 7, 2020, via Zoom

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

Discussed:

1. September Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurers report
 - a. \$20,138.32 in bank - \$19,750.07 after outstanding checks
 - b. 3 outstanding – 1 check for Criminal report, 2 checks for presenters Adrienne Lee and Liz Barbour
3. Library Director Report
 - a. Summer Reading wrap-up
 - i. Went until end of August
 - ii. Let kids chose the prize they wanted. Gave them choices and choose gift certificates
 - b. Storytime has started outside with hula hoops set out for physical distancing
 - c. Dodges Agway donated 15 pumpkins, giving to kids to decorate for library
 - d. Art History in Pop Culture - Art historian Adrienne Lee
 - i. Held Virtually on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30 pm.
 - ii. About 12 people showed up
 - iii. Issue with people finding Zoom link – will work on making this more visible/send close to event
4. COVID-19 Update
 - a. Open 3 days now Tues/Thurs/Sat
 - b. Circulation up, lots of curbside pickup of books happening
 - c. Interlibrary loan starting again
 - d. Quarantining all materials including interlibrary loan
5. Museum Pass Updates
 - a. Wright museum open through Oct.
 - i. WWII Exhibit
 - b. Portland Museum of Art, uses appointment
 - i. Winslow Homer exhibit
 - c. MFA – just reopened as well
6. Fundraisers
 - a. Dover Poker
 - i. Address for GPS is 887B Central Avenue, Dover, 03820. Exit 9 off Spaulding Turnpike follow exit right to Central Ave and take left turn at the Dunkin Donuts. Poker Room clearly marked."
 - ii. The Poker room opens at 12 and we need to sign in by 8.
 - iii. 10/25/20 Sheila Tanguay
 - iv. 10/29/20 Donna Onacki
 - v. 10/30/20 Deborah Regan
 - vi. 10/31/20 Alisha Roberts
 - vii. 11/01/20 Jane Shanahan
 - viii. 11/05/20 Judy Haskell
 - ix. 11/06/20 Nancy A
 - x. 11/07/20 Lisa Hayes

- xi. 11/08/20 Judy Wilson
- xii. 11/12/20 Susan Burke
- b. Seabrook
 - i. Been in contact with them
 - ii. Slate is completely full through year end but we can apply for next year if we want
 - iii. No decision made about whether to apply – will discuss at future meeting
- c. No future fundraisers planned right now
- 7. Upcoming Virtual Options
 - a. Lobster documentary – “Claws and Tales – the Ups and Downs of Lobstering in Kittery and Kittery Point, Maine”
 - i. View at your convenience on [Youtube](#)
 - ii. Jim White, a noted film maker from Kittery Point, has created a fascinating documentary on the lives of Maine lobstermen, their challenges and rewards
 - iii. \$150 Honorarium
 - b. Lobster Q&A.
 - i. Thursday, October 15, 6:30 p.m
 - ii. Marine Biologist Joshua Carloni of New Hampshire Fish and Game and Jim White(no honorarium b/c Fish and Game can’ accept \$\$)
 - c. Holiday Pies- Sweet and Savory
 - i. Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.
 - ii. NH Chef, Cookbook Author and Gardener Liz Barbour of The Creative Feast
 - iii. \$250 honorarium
 - iv. Just in time for the holidays! Liz will prepare and demonstrate two pies, one sweet and one savory. Sit back and relax while Liz prepares and presents these exciting dishes for you. Register in advance for this [Zoom Webinar](#).
 - d. “The Spirit of Christmas Past: Four Centuries of Christmas in New England”
 - i. Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 - ii. Kenneth Turino, Manager of Community Patronships and Resource Development, Historic New England
 - iii. Kenneth will guide us through the development of the celebration of Christmas from the time it was outlawed in 17th Century New England through the beginning of the 21st Century when all the trappings of a traditional Christmas were in place. Join via [Zoom](#)
- 8. Additional Programming Options
 - a. YA Authors – Susi has been in touch with Myf. Looking possibly in Winter 2021
 - b. North Hampton Library has a program called Creative Bug; Barbara looking into it
 - i. Free Trial
 - ii. \$600 a year
 - iii. Barbara will forward information so some of the friends can try it out

Action Items:

- **Barbara:** Forward info about Creative Bug to Friends to try out

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 PM

Next meeting: November 4, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary