

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday August 1, 2018

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

Discussed:

1. Treasurer report: \$2738.80
2. Community Fundraiser, June 11th
 - a. \$701.45 deposited - \$50 was seed money, \$153 for raffle, 498.45 from Community Oven
3. Birds of a Salt Marsh, June 12th
 - a. People: Good turnout, 50/60 people
 - b. Great presenter, lots of interaction
4. Summer Reading program
 - a. Excellent turtle program sponsored by Friends – Barbara would highly recommend it to other libraries
 - b. 10,000 more pages read than last year
 - c. 98 people signed up for Adult Reading Program
5. Jessica Shattuck coming next Tuesday August 7th
 - a. Set up: Alisha
 - b. Refreshments: Donna
6. Poker Room
 - a. June 11th Deborah went to visit several times but the contact person is never there.
 - b. Maybe contact Jay Lord to see how Fire Dept got into the rotation
 - c. Lane Library was recently removed from the list; got no information as to why
 - d. Opened a new location at the Lebanon Poker Room and Casino July 11th and Jane sent two emails. No response so far.
7. Friends Stationary
 - a. Susi brought 5 for this meeting. Will bring more next time
 - b. Maybe add info about Facebook page and/or 501 3c status on back
8. Herb Farmacy, Wednesday Sept 12th
 - a. Press sent out
 - b. Friends sponsoring (\$200 – verified this from email on 4/11/18) - **Herbal Gifts from Your Garden**
 - c. Set up Facebook event for this
9. Margaritas
 - a. Need a date to be able to hand out cards at Herb Farmacy and Book Sale
 - b. Donna will check to see if Monday Sept 24th (2 days after Book Sale), Wed Sept 26th, Thurs Sept 27th are available
10. Judy Wilson
 - a. Wants to create closer relationships between Trustees and Friends
 - b. Trustees want to create backpacks to loan for families – one for seashore, one for hiking. Maps, binoculars, compass, field guides
 - i. Request from Trustees to the Friends: Family Pass to NH State Parks – not everything included but does include Pawtuckaway \$110 per year (it's a calendar year so looking at 2019). Alisha made a motion; Deb seconded. This request passed unanimously. Post on Facebook to request any kind of hiking or seashore backpacks.
 - ii. Deborah had an idea to put a Map at the library that people could post their pictures of the places they visited with the backpacks

- c. Library Telescope program: Lane library had program at beach; NH Astronomical Society puts this in on.
11. Historic New England
 - a. Do they have a library pass? Maybe check into this
12. Peabody Essex Library Pass
 - a. Went up to \$475 and changed the rate patrons need to pay to \$12 even on weekdays
 - b. Decided not to do at as only 15 tickets used last year and at an \$8 savings per ticket it is not cost effective at this point. Wait and see if patrons are looking for this
13. Strawberry Banke Library Pass
 - a. Voted to fund this library pass for \$150
 - b. Do more promotion of this pass so people know it is available, maybe at special event time like Halloween or Candle light stroll.
14. Ramblin' Richard – Dec program?
 - a. Maybe do a Christmas program on a Sunday afternoon in early December
 - b. Possibly do a cookie swap at the same event?

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday September 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Action items:

- Susi: Create a FB Event for Herb Farmacy
- Susi: Mention backpacks coming in 2019 on FB, request donations of good hiking or beach materials for this
- Donna: Check on Margaritas dates for September

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary