

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday April 7, 2021, via Zoom

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

Discussed:

1. March Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurers report - Accepted
 - a. \$ 21,813.77 – Alisha not here but sent that the balance in email. Fingerprinting check still outstanding
3. Library Director Report
 - a. Barbara out of town first week in May so Leah will join for Friends meeting instead
 - b. Library gifted with Frying Pan Charity grants, granted three
 - i. Tai Chi (Great Bay June 9th July 28th 9am Wednesdays, commit for length of program.
 - ii. Hoopla, movies, tv shows, music as well as audio books.
 - iii. Author visit from Sy Montgomery, Sat Nov 13th
 - c. Epping Well donated irrigation system in memory of Peter Robart
 - d. Container Gardener program is first in person program in a year. Will be held outside, May 8th Erin Synderman who is Master Gardener will run program,. Rolling Green Nursery providing soil and plants
 - e. Thinking of having children's book sale at end of August – picture books through YA
 - f. Still quarantining books
 - g. Same hours currently, three days week.
 - h. Summer Reading – Planning for summer based on conditions now, outside programs if possible. Borrow tents from town and people bring own lawn chairs. Also possibly using safety complex
4. Museum Pass Updates
 - a. Make decisions on indoor museums in June
 - i. Gardner \$195
 - ii. Portland Museum of Art \$250
 - b. Bedrock Gardens – Family Membership \$80, admits 4, Opens May 12th, Approved
 - c. State Park Passes are available now. Approved up to \$150 for this in March.
 - d. Fuller Gardens, \$100 family pass, approved up to \$100 if family pass is valid for library, otherwise will revisit next meeting
5. Fundraisers
 - a. Hannafords Bag Program
 - i. Got check for \$68
6. Subscriptions/Streaming Service
 - a. Overdrive still not ready, Hoopla in mid May? Donna will look into this.
7. Completed Programs
 - a. The Christianization of Ireland, March 16th, Sean Murphy
 - i. 42 attendees, including one from Ontario
8. Upcoming Virtual Options
 - a. Paul Revere, The Man, The Myth
 - i. April 8th, Thursday, 6:30
 - ii. Historic New England
 - iii. Michael Maler, Robert Shimp, Director of Paul Revere house
 - iv. \$200 sponsored by Friends (approved)

- v. 40 signed up so far
- b. Ideas
 - i. Sea Shanty
 - 1. Jerry Bryant of Amherst, MA
 - 2. You can find him on YouTube, Sea Chanteys, Spanish Ladies, His website is: <https://jerrybryantsings.com/>
 - 3. 45-50 minute presentation, singing and history and then Q&A
 - 4. Approved \$150 in March
 - 5. May 13th, has not been publicized yet
 - ii. Medicare 101, Barbara has North Hampton connection and contact with AARP; maybe 3 part for Seniors in Sept/Oct possibly in person.
 - iii. Myf and YA author circle. Plan for fall, in person if possible. Susi will connect Myf and Barbara
 - iv. Tai Chi
 - 1. June 9th – July 28th
 - 2. Great Bay Tai Chi
 - 3. Sponsored by Frying Pan Lane Charity (see above)
 - v. Container Gardening
 - 1. May 8th
 - 2. Rolling Green Nursery providing soil and plants ; attendees bring containers
- c. Little Free Library
 - i. Judy researched – cost \$300-400 for a kit, with tamper proof glass, would need to add pole.
 - ii. Proposed starting with one, with possible location at Governor Weare Park, additional ones if successful at library and Meadows apartments on Brown Road.
 - iii. Judy will contact town Parks and Rec Department about placing it at Gov Weare Park.
 - iv. Library could donate books. More detail at May meeting.

Action Items:

- **Susi:** Connect Barbara and Myf
- **Judy:** contact town Parks and Rec Dept about placing Little Free Library at Gov Weare Park
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Meeting adjourned: 7:30 PM

Next meeting: May 5, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susi Burke, Secretary and Deborah Regan