

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday August 7, 2019

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

Discussed:

1. June Minutes approved
2. Treasurers report
 - a. \$8,556.78
3. Seabrook Dog Track Update: Judy
 - a. Judy got email from Gerri Chasko - Director Eureka Community Initiative
 - b. Gerri wants to come to the library 8/23. It would be good to have one of the Friends here if possible for that meeting. No time set yet.
 - c. She wants to know about the children programs at HFFL
 - d. Judy will also drive her around to see the Senior housing in town
4. Lebanon Poker Room 2019
 - a. Alisha reached out to Michele Bowen from Granite State poker today
 - b. Michelle will send paperwork soon
 - c. On list for Oct 22-26, Oct 29th-Nov 2nd 2019
5. Museum Updates:
 - a. Record setting July – 18 museum passes handed out, 50 YTD
 - b. Started to put pics out on social media
6. Program Updates
 - a. Stargazing program
 - i. Coordinated with Wiggin Library in Stratham, setup in Stratham Park.
 - ii. The NH astronomy society were great with the kids.
 - iii. Not a huge turnout (hot buggy night) but viewing was great
 - b. Backyard Birds- June 6
 - i. Very good
 - ii. 35 people
 - iii. Would ask him to come back
7. Upcoming Programs – Request for funding
 - a. Approved funding of \$750 (+ mileage) for the following 3 programs
 - b. Great New England Hurricane of 1938
 - i. Sept 12 at 6:30
 - ii. Learn about the impact and aftermath of one of the most destructive storms in US history
 - iii. \$200
 - c. Here's to Beer: The History and Production of the World's Favorite Drink
 - i. Oct 3 at 6:30
 - ii. Bruce Heilshorn (Earth Eagle Brewers) and Emerson Baker (professor at Salem)
 - iii. Botanical and historic brews, how sour brews are produced and the myriad of ways yeast can create flavors
 - iv. \$300

- d. A Few Seconds with our Fathers...Songs and Stories of WWII
 - i. Nov 7 at 6:30
 - ii. Curt Bessette and Jenn Kurtz
 - iii. Heart moving performance of original songs and stories honoring all veterans
 - iv. \$250 and mileage from York
8. Other Upcoming Programs
 - a. Bears in NH
 - i. Oct 17 at 6:30
 - ii. NH Fish and Games
 - iii. Free
 - b. Holiday Cookie Exchange
 - i. Dec 14 at noon
 - ii. Maybe an ensemble
 - c. April – 50th anniversary of earth day. Planning to coordinate a lot for that month
 - i. Deborah to reach out to Sarah Atkinson about “Cutting down on waste in our homes” program
 - d. 100th anniversary of woman suffrage (Aug 2020) – maybe do something with that? Maybe NH Humanities (Barbara will investigate)
9. Trustee updates
 - a. Walkway
 - i. Trustees are proposing a walkway between Town Hall and Library parking lot – lit and with a railing.
 - ii. Warrant article in March
 - iii. Will want to publicize this
 - b. Memorandum of understanding between town and library
 - i. Documenting who is responsible for what
 - ii. hopefully would be approved at next Board of Selectman meeting
10. Book Sale:
 - a. Sept 21st
 - b. Books coming in now.
 - c. Cigarette boxes are helpful if anyone has any

Meeting adjourned: 7:25 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday Sept 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Action Items:

- Someone from Friends to attend meeting with Gerri Chasko on 8/23 if possible
- *Deborah:* contact Sarah Atkinson about “Cutting down on waste in our homes” program in April
- *Deborah and others:* ideas for potential author programs?

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary