

# Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

**Date:** Wednesday Sept 1, 2021, in person and remote via Zoom/OWL!

**Present:** Nancy Axelson, Susi Burke, Deborah Regan (virtual), Jean Storer (virtual), Barbara Tosiano, Judy Wilson

## **Discussed:**

1. June Minutes –Approved
2. Treasurer’s report - Accepted
  - a. \$ 19962.58 on statement but there are likely two checks outstanding so true balance is 19343.33
3. Library Director Report
  - a. 20 years in new library so display is setup to commemorate this. Guest book for people to sign and working to make sure everyone in photos can be identified for historical purposes.
  - b. Grownup summer reading – 67 adults, 376 books
  - c. Children summer reading: 77 kids read over 1000 hours; almost as many as pre-Covid
  - d. Teen Book Boxes – 22 kids signed up, grant from state library; 2 books and some treats (candy/smores/popcorn) in each monthly box.  
Leah is hoping to continue this as Vacation Book Boxes
    - i. \$3/box, 10 – 15 kids
    - ii. Christmas, Feb and April
    - iii. \$150 for all three – Approved
  - e. Leah is hoping to do an Art Club Children’s program in fall and requested funding for this
    - i. 6-8 kids in craft room
    - ii. Watercolor tutorial
    - iii. Let’s Make Art
    - iv. About ½ hour
    - v. Get supplies from Michaels, Dollar Store
    - vi. \$50 for supplies - Approved
  - f. Library has received \$300 for children’s book sale so far
  - g. Mailer to all addresses in Hampton Falls
    - i. Take current trifold and turn into one pager
    - ii. Incorporate Friends as a separate listing; not as social group
    - iii. Suggestions of QR Code and add infographic numbers, what people save and % of total HF town budget
    - iv. Intro sentence about welcome to Hampton Falls
  - h. Revision for Website coming up
  - i. Baby, Toddler and PreK Storytimes outside in Fall
  - j. Testing OWL for Zoom programs (Hybrid model for some programs, in person and virtual)
4. Museum Pass Updates
  - a. Indoor museums
    - i. Gardner \$195
    - ii. Portland Museum of Art \$250
    - iii. No one is asking for them right now so we will revisit as needed
5. Little Free Library
  - i. These are being used!

- ii. A little of the dumping ground; pull out junk if we see it. Tons of old, musty smelling romance novels which Barbara and Judy removed recently.
  - iii. Try to keep neatly stacked and not over packed; want to see every book
  - iv. Sheila will be updating the sign-up sheet
- 6. Technology update
  - a. New OWL equipment purchased through grant funding from the federal American Rescue Plan via the NH State Library. Testing OWL on this meeting and it is working!
- 7. Mesquite Nevada (Deborah visited recently)
  - a. Modest houses but nice area
  - b. 40 minutes from Las Vegas
  - c. Sent farming, agriculture books from book sale to them
  - d. Gerri runs Mesquite Reads and is excited to put these in the curriculum
- 8. Completed Programs
  - a. Tai Chi Wrap up
    - i. Great Bay Tai Chi, Sponsored by Frying Pan Lane Charity
    - ii. Successful, about a dozen people; 3 continuing after the program at Hampton Rec
- 9. Upcoming Options/New Ideas
  - a. Medicare 101
    - i. Sept 14
    - ii. Offered in person and Zoom online
  - b. Thirteen Days: Untold Story of Cuban Missile Crisis
    - i. Michael Tougias
    - ii. Oct 5<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. Zoom
  - c. Sy Montgomery
    - i. How to be a Good Creature: A Memoir in Thirteen Animals
    - ii. Sat, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. LAS Auditorium can hold 75 people distanced?
    - iv. Will this still work?
    - v. Barbara needs to hear from School whether this is still viable
  - d. Life Downstairs program
    - i. Like Downton Abbey
    - ii. Humanities program; Ann McClennan
    - iii. Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> on Zoom
  - e. Myf and YA author circle. Waiting on this so it can be done in person
  - f. Ethiopia – Scott Faia is willing to do a program on this (Did Nepal program in 2019)
  - g. Nature program in spring?

**Action Items:**

- **Sheila:** Setup next signup round for Little Free Library

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:45 PM

**Next meeting:** October 6, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Susi Burke, Secretary