

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday September 4, 2019

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

Discussed:

1. August Minutes approved
2. Treasurers report
 - a. \$8,258.53
 - b. Alisha preparing Annual Financial Report; Friends reviewed report
3. Seabrook Dog Track Update:
 - a. Judy Wilson spent day with Gerri Chasko - Director Eureka Community Initiative. Went to Wakeda and then affordable housing in Hampton Falls. Then Judy took her around the seacoast. Gerri talked to staff at library and then met with Donna who did a great job explaining what the Friends do.
 - b. Gerri had ideas about pen pals between HFFL kids and Nevada. Seems to be a higher-level commitment than Lebanon
 - c. Will be choosing 36 organizations – we need to submit formal application. Decisions will be made in November for 2020. Judy will send link for this application
 - d. Alisha mentioned that we may not be able to do another gambling fundraiser until November 2020 since we are at Lebanon in Oct this year. There may need to be a 12 month space between fundraisers
 - e. Jane will ask for ideas/help for the application
 - f. Ideas for how we would use \$\$ to put on application
 - i. Maybe look for childrens and/or YA authors. Susi will check with BTAF staff (Boston Teen Author festival) and Myf Collins from Newburyport festival to see if they have ideas for authors
 - ii. Doors – maybe automatic ones for front doors; possibly rear doors for back to open. Barbara would prefer to focus on front doors first
 - iii. 1000 books before Kindergarten
4. Museum Updates
 - a. 60 passes used this year
 - b. \$150 approved for Strawberry Banke renewal
5. Future Fundraisers
 - a. Margaritas?
 - i. Decided not to pursue because issues with raffle last time and complication of using coupons
 - b. Community Oven
 - i. Will look to do this again in 2020, May/June timeframe
 - ii. Reach out early next year
6. Lebanon Poker Room 2019
 - a. Oct 22-26, Oct 29th-Nov 2nd 2019
 - b. Sign between 3-8 weekday; 1-8 Saturday

c. Schedule

- i. Oct 22 – Jane
- ii. Oct 23 – Susi
- iii. Oct 24 – Sheila
- iv. Oct 25 – Donna
- v. Oct 26 – Deborah
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- vi. Oct 29 – Jane
- vii. Oct 30 - Jane
- viii. Oct 31 – Judy
- ix. Nov 1 – Alisha
- x. Nov 2 - Lisa

7. Program Updates

- a. Sarah Atkinson program
 - i. Deborah reached out and booked her for Thursday April 9th
 - ii. “Cutting down on waste in our homes”
 - iii. Sarah has already sent info to Barbara including bio.
 - iv. Deborah will clarify fee but thinks \$200?
- b. 100th anniversary of woman suffrage (Aug 2020)
 - i. Deborah reached out to Vicki Henricksen about the following authors: Whitney Scharer, Age of Light, (Arlington) ; Jane Healey, Bean town Girls (North of Boston), Angella Nazarian, Visionary women ; Lynda Cohen Loigman, War Time sisters
 - ii. Barbara planning to book Historic Votes for Women program from Humanities

8. Other Upcoming Programs

- a. 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. Historic New England
 - iii. \$252.50 (includes mileage) paid by Friends
- b. 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 – paid by Friends
- c. Bears in NH
 - i. Oct 17 at 6:30
 - ii. NH Fish and Games
 - iii. Free

9. Backpack Update

- a. Bird backpack used in Grand Tetons
- b. Family with small children took seaside pack to Ordiorne

- c. Could include trail map for Tucker and French Family Farm which is right in Kingston:
http://seltnh.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Trail-Map_Tucker-French-Family-Forest_web.pdf
- 10. Adult Summer Reading Recap
 - a. Kathryn Job won grand prize and was thrilled
- 11. 1000 books before Kindergarten program
 - a. Request for funding from Leah
 - b. Each child will receive folder with
 - i. Welcome letter
 - ii. Log sheets
 - iii. Booklist
 - c. Names added to Milestone Wall
 - d. Will get congratulations on sign board and social media when reach goal
 - e. Also canvas tote bag, a new book and certificate of completion
 - f. Requested \$46.87 for wall display, milestone stickers, stickers, bookmarks; vote approved for \$100
- 12. Trustee updates (Judy Wilson)
 - a. Walkway
 - i. Trustees are proposing a walkway between Town Hall and Library parking lot – lit and with a railing.
 - ii. Have engaged Keach-Nordstrom Associates, Inc (KNA) for preliminary conceptual design and schematic. They did library original design.
 - iii. If design/cost seems feasible, there will be a warrant article in March to be able to spend donation money on project; schematic created above will be shown at that time
 - b. Memorandum of understanding between town and library
 - i. This has been completed
- 13. Book Sale:
 - a. Sept 21st
 - b. Great selection of books coming in

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday October 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Action Items:

- Susi: Reach out to BTAF for possible YA author list and Myf Collins for childrens author list from Newburyport Author Festival for possible programs
- Jane: complete application for Seabrook Dog Track

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary