

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: October 2, 2019

Present: Nancy Axelson, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, Sheila Tanguay, Judy Wilson, and Barbara Tosiano.

Discussed:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved as amended.
2. Treasurer's Report – not available
3. Seabrook Track update – application submitted on 9/29/19
 - Judy Wilson sent twelve children's books about fall and winter from the book sale to Gerri Chasko, of the Eureka Casino Headquarters in Mesquite, Nevada to distribute to local schools.
4. Lebanon Poker Room – dates begin October 22; all dates are covered.
5. Museum Updates/backpack updates: 68 museum passes have been used so far in 2019, including for Historic NE.
6. Book sale recap: Barbara reported that the sale netted \$1070.00, the yard sale \$70.00, and the bake sale, which is run by the Cub Scouts to fund the Animals Encounter program - \$300.00. Many of the remainders were given to non-profits.
7. Hurricane of 1938 recap: Barbara reported that 69 people attended, which was a record for a library program. \$40.00 were given as donations at this program.
8. Program updates:
 - a) Here's to Beer – scheduled for October 3 at 6:30– Barbara plans to make beer bread and brownies with stout.
 - b) Bears in NH – scheduled for October 17 at 6:30.
 - c) A Few Seconds with our Fathers: Songs and Stories of WWII: scheduled for November 7 at 6:30.
9. Update on possible authors:
 - Deborah has reached out to people at the Newburyport Lit Festival to get input on four possible authors, two in the Boston area, one in NYC and one not known.

10. Trustee update: Judy Wilson:

- The Trustees are working on a warrant articles dealing with repair and maintenance of the library building. One anticipated need is the air conditioning system which is 19 years old. The Trustees are also working on a preliminary study of a pathway/parking expansion project.
- The article is for the library to use \$4,00 to fund the replacement of the central A/C, which is 19 years old. The Library is also paying for a preliminary study of a pathway/parking expansion project.

11. There was a discussion about how to move some shelves back to open more space for our events. Barbara suggested selling the table and chairs near Leah's desk, to be able to move the nearby shelves.

12. 1000 Books Before Kindergarten update:

- Leah provided an update on this program. She is ordering books on the suggested reading list, and 17 children have signed up for it.
- We discussed local YA and children's book authors for possible events. MT Anderson, True Kelley, Rodman Philbrick.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Action items:

1. Deborah will research an author for the book group.
2. The Friends will research a local author for children or YA.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Regan