

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday November 4, 2020, via Zoom

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

Discussed:

1. October Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurers report
 - a. \$19,425.07 after outstanding checks clear
3. Library Director Report
 - a. 3 remote Zoom programs
 - i. Art History
 1. 12 participants
 - ii. Lobster Q&A
 1. 20 participants
 - iii. Pies
 1. 24 participants
 - iv. Positive feedback on these
 - b. Christmas Fundraisers
 - i. Cookbook Sale
 - ii. Raffle Christmas Basket that Friends created last year
 - iii. Maybe create Mindfulness Basket to raffle
 - c. Alternative Santa Party – maybe on firetruck
 - d. Santa Mailbox in library
4. COVID-19 Update
 - a. Still 3 days a week, Tues/Thurs/Sat; Thursday starting to pick up
 - b. Determining what the policy should be if COVID rates go up
5. Museum Pass Updates
 - a. Wright museum
 - i. 2 people used this in October – now closed
 - b. Strawberry Banke
 - i. Doing Candlelight Stroll outdoors in December.
 - c. Art museums open but people being cautious
6. Fundraisers
 - a. Dover Poker
 - i. Sign-ins smoothly so far, go to booth on left to sign in
 - b. Hannafords Bag Program
 - i. Hannafords in Hampton chose the Friends as a recipient of their Bags program
 - ii. For the month of November, Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Hannaford store located at 630 Lafayette Road, Hampton NH.
 - iii. Judy went to store and met the manager Heather
 - iv. Marketing Materials in Oct 27th email from Barbara; Sheila will forward the email
 - v. Susi will promote in Friends FB Group

7. Upcoming Virtual Options

- a. "The Spirit of Christmas Past: Four Centuries of Christmas in New England"
 - i. Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 - ii. Kenneth Turino, Manager of Community Patronships and Resource Development, Historic New England
 - iii. Kenneth will guide us through the development of the celebration of Christmas from the time it was outlawed in 17th Century New England through the beginning of the 21st Century when all the trappings of a traditional Christmas were in place. Join via [Zoom](#)
- b. Historic New England has lifted restrictions because everything is remote so Barbara is checking to see what else is available that might be good

8. Creative Bug

- a. None of the staff really liked it; mostly knitting and crocheting
- b. Not really worth the price

9. Acorn TV subscription

- a. Not available now because they are being absorbed by Overdrive but should be available in January

10. Universal Class

- a. Classes in Drawing, Art History, Language, etc
- b. Donna will contact them and find out about institutional pricing

11. Additional Programming Options

- a. St Patrick program
 - i. Sean Murphy from Dublin
 - ii. He is available Wednesday nights
 - iii. \$200 approved unanimously
 - iv. The program will cover the main aspects of St. Patrick's work in Ireland and introduces people to the work of members of his own immediate family.
- b. Possible program with Veterinarian – Dr. Hunt, Elliot Maine
 - i. Author "Enjoy your pets and don't forget to give them a hug" and "Why is my cat looking at me like that?"
 - ii. Teaches at York Community College

Action Items:

- **Susi:** Put Hannaford Bags info on Friends FB
- **Donna:** contact Universal Classes and find out institutional pricing

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 PM

Next meeting: December 2, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary