

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday Dec 1, 2021, in person and remote

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

Discussed:

1. November Minutes –Approved
2. Treasurer's report - Accepted
 - a. \$19718.26
3. Director's Report
 - a. Christmas Book Sale, \$250 so far, still some good books
 - b. Santa this Sat Dec 4th in morning; pictures outside, pre-packaged cookies, hot chocolate, Barbara may want a volunteer to help between 10-11
 - c. Polar Express Wed Dec 15^h and have people sign up for 3 different time slots so it won't be crowded
 - d. Staff looking at revision to website; will want input from Friends on how best to represent them/donate button etc.
 - e. 45 people signed up for Life Downstairs
 - f. Sy Montgomery was spectacular. 68 people showed up/11 were children. Very inspirational
4. Dover Poker Room
 - a. Alisha will follow up in new year with Tammy if don't hear from her.
5. Little Free Library
 - a. Barbara and Leah found wonderful Holiday Books for to put in the little libraries, seem to be going pretty well
 - b. Gotten good feedback from patrons
 - c. Judy will send a pic of holiday books in little library and Susi will post to Facebook
6. Investing Funds/Spending Plan
 - a. Amazon Smiles up and running – Susi to post this on FB
 - b. Discussion about Friends focusing on enrichment vs infrastructure with expenditures
 - c. Donna will check with Acorn/Overdrive and Masterclass to see if anything has changed
7. Completed Programs
 - a. Sy Montgomery
 - i. 68 people came; Wonderful program, Very inspiring
8. Upcoming Events/New Ideas
 - a. Life Downstairs program
 - i. Humanities program; Ann McClennan; Thursday December 2nd on Zoom
 - ii. 45 people signed up
 - b. Possible Craft Programs on Saturdays from Adults
 - i. Monthly
 - ii. Crafts like Junk Journals and Wine Glass hummingbird feeders
 - c. Writing Workshop
 - i. Judy reached out New Hampshire Writers Project and Barbara followed up
 - ii. Good idea to have a Meet the Author night ahead of workshop
 - iii. NH Writers Workshop has group of writers that have taught workshops and won literary awards
 - iv. Suggested Local seacoast writer, [Bonnar Spring](#) who writes thrillers, new one coming out in May
 - v. Honorarium is up to us and presenter, \$150-\$300 per session, \$900 total is usually the cap.
 - vi. Spring; 6 week session; Meet every 2 weeks; 8-10 participants
 - vii. Need specific feedback and feeling of accomplishments
 - viii. Handout/homework assignment each meeting
 - ix. Limit to Hampton Falls Residents but open it up if space available

- x. Mary Johnson is another option for facilitator as is an author recommended by Newburyport Festival– Deborah will reach out to both of these people
- xi. Deborah will write up some questions and these will be presented to all three possibilities. Judy will contact Bonnar and Deborah will reach out to Mary Johnson and NBPT Festival author

Action Items:

- **Susi:** Post about Amazon Smiles on Facebook (Done)
- **Deborah:** Write up questions for potential Writer Workshop Facilitators
- **Deborah and Judy:** Reach out potential Writer Workshop Facilitators with questions
- **Judy:** Take picture of holiday books in Little Libraries
- **Susi:** Post picture of Little Library to Facebook

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 PM

Next meeting: January 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary