

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday December 2, 2020, via Zoom

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

Discussed:

1. November Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurers report - Accepted
 - a. \$22,620.52 after outstanding checks clear
3. Gambling fundraiser update
 - a. \$4,195.45 deposit from gaming and \$1,000 for rental fee so net \$3,195.45
4. Library Director Report
 - a. Santa driving around Hampton Falls; truck donated by Churchill's preceded by Fire Truck
 - b. History of Christmas in New England Dec 3rd
 - i. Ken Turino
 - ii. 50+ signups on Event Brite
 - c. Dec 16th Polar Express Story time via Zoom
 - i. Vote \$125 for Leah to provide participants with mug/hot chocolate/bell
 - d. Cookbook sale did as well as last year around \$300
 - e. Leah – handing out craft kits for children from Home Depot in North Hampton
5. COVID-19 Update
 - a. Still 3 days a week, Tues/Thurs/Sat
 - b. 100+ bags a month curbside
 - c. Some other larger local libraries reverting to curbside
6. Museum Pass Updates
 - a. No uses in the past month
 - b. Candle light stroll at Strawberry Banke – Susi to publicize this on FB
7. Fundraisers
 - a. Dover Poker
 - i. Successful (details above) and signed up for next year
 - b. Hannafords Bag Program
 - i. Display looks good; will find out proceeds in December
8. 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. January
 - i. Dan Szczesny
 - ii. Local Author
 - iii. Notes from Alaska (traveled around Alaska in RV)
 - c. Feb 19th
 - i. Michael Tougias

- ii. NH Humanities
 - iii. The Finest Hours
- d. March 16th
 - i. Sean Murphy
 - ii. Who is St. Patrick Anyway?
- e. Ideas
 - i. D. Allan Kerr – correspondent for Portsmouth Herald, he might have some interesting talks
 - ii. YA Authors – Susi to reach out to Myf to see whether winter or spring 2021 will work
 - iii. Earth Day – possibly do the Zero Waste speaker
 - iv. No luck with Veterinarian – Dr. Hunt, Elliot Maine
- 9. Master Class and Universal Class
 - a. Donna filled out forms, Grant like process
 - b. Been about a month but no response
 - c. Not easy to reach out to; Donna has reached out a few times
 - d. Approved up to \$600; Will circle back if it is more than that

Action Items:

- **Susi:** Reach out to Myf about YA authors
- **Susi:** Mention Candlelight Stroll on FB

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 PM

Next meeting: January 6, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary