

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Present: Lisa Hayes, Donna Onacki, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, Sheila Tanguay, Barbara Tosiano

Discussed:

1. June Minutes – approved
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. \$20,570.32
3. Officer's – Vote to approve following slate of officers was unanimous
 - a. Co-Chairs – Sheila Tanguay and Judy Wilson
 - b. Vice – Chair – Deborah Regan
 - c. Secretary – Susi Burke
 - d. Treasurer – Alisha Roberts
4. COVID-19 Update
 - a. Library Open to Public Tuesdays 10-5 and Saturdays 10-1
 - b. Curbside pickup available Tuesdays through Saturday during regular operating hours
 - c. 10 children have completed the '1000 Books Before Kindergarten' program
 - d. 51 children have signed up for Summer Reading (down from usual 80 or so participants)
 - e. Circulation for July 2020, down about 300 from July 2019
 - f. Vote to authorize up to \$300 for purchase of outdoor EZ Up type tent structure for use by Library Staff for programming needs – should staff determine outdoor space is available and this would be useful purchase
 - g. Home Depot of N. Hampton donated numerous building kits – youth patrons have been enjoying the various projects made available to them
5. Museum Passes
 - a. Some museums are beginning to open back up to public and others are looking to do so in September (many by appointment)
 - b. Barbara will update web site and social media as specific information becomes available for museums Library has passes for
 - c. Donna will reach out to Bedrock Gardens in Lee about possibility of Library membership there, perhaps purchase for Spring 2021?
6. Programming
 - a. Jane Healey – remote program worked well and presenter very good (approximately 12-15 participants)
 - b. Lobster Documentary
 - i. September 10 at 6:30
 - ii. Will be remote
 - iii. Barbara continues coordinating logistics and details
 - c. Author Panel
 - i. Planning for October 8 or 15 at 6:30
 - ii. Susi to contact Barbara directly if need be prior to September Friends meeting
 - d. Options for Future Programming

- i. Artist – Barbara has contact for remote Art History linked to Current Technology
 - ii. Chef – Liz Barbour – Barbara will check into possibility of holiday programming, perhaps baking
 - iii. Black Heritage Trail – Deborah reaching out for information on potential for remote programming
 - iv. Historic New England – Barbara exploring options for remote programs
- e. Fundraising
 - i. Lebanon Poker Room – Alisha has communicated with contact who communicated that new Dover location may be an option for late fall dates. Currently operating Thursday through Saturday, but looking to expand days of operation.
 - ii. Seabrook Park – no current update, though facility appears to be operating during COVID

Action Items:

- As noted above

Meeting adjourned: 7:37 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tanguay