

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday June 4, 2025; Called to order at 6:32 pm.

Present: Nancy Axelson, Susi Burke, Amy Dorgan, Leah Knowlton, Val Marshall, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Judy Wilson. Liaisons from the Trustees: Linda Coe, Beth Forgione, Laura Pouliot

ACTION ITEMS:

- **All:** Select dates for the [Friends of the HF Library: Volunteer Signup \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com).
- **Amy/Beth:** Create memo to clarify responsibilities for Garden fund tracking.
- **Amy:** will create a form with QR code for Paypal and instructions on how to use it.
- **Beth:** created a form for cash and check collection at events.
- **Alisha:** will purchase a gift card from Water Street Books for the Adult Summer Raffle.

PARKING LOT:

- Explore the possibility of a Repair Clinic - we would need a champion for this.
- Review potential craft subscriptions.

DISCUSSED:

1. Minutes
 - a. Judy made a motion to approve the May 2025 Minutes; Motion passed with all in favor.
2. Goals for this cycle
 - a. Awareness – increase awareness of Friends and how we support the library.
 - b. Membership – increase membership by 5.
3. Treasurer's report
 - a. Current Balance: \$45,014.07
4. Trustee Report
 - a. Planning for the event on June 11th
 - b. Garden planning
 - c. Summer Reading
 - d. Read across America raffle
 - e. Newsletter went out yesterday
5. Director's Report (Joanna did not attend but sent notes)
 - a. Landscape Plan
 - i. There will be a sketch of the draft proposal of the garden plan available for the June 11th event at the garden table.
 - ii. Groundbreaking will also be on June 11th between 6 and 6:30.
 - iii. Trustees would like funding to come through the Friends. People can donate to Friends through:
 1. Paypal (QR Code available)
 2. Cash
 3. Check

- iv. The Friends will need to track all donations for the garden separately. Instruct donors to use memo on check and comment on Paypal to indicate Garden.
- v. Amy will create a form with QR code for Paypal and instructions on how to use it.
- vi. Beth will create a form for cash and check collection at events.
- vii. People can get naming rights for:
 - 1. Bench \$2500
 - 2. Storywalk sign \$500
 - 3. Sculptures \$500 - \$2000
 - 4. Tree \$500
 - 5. Shrub \$300
 - 6. Reflection Garden \$40,000
 - 7. Sensory Garden \$8 500
 - 8. Reading Garden \$8,500
- viii. Beth and Amy will create a memo on the process for funding. The Friends will track Garden funds separately but not be responsible for knowing the specific "naming rights" information.
- ix. Alisha made a motion to collect funds for the Garden. Motion passed with all in favor.
- b. Mount Washington Pass has been purchased and promoted.
- c. The Conservation Commission is having a planting party on June 22nd. More details to follow.
- d. Summer Reading
 - i. Thanks to Deborah for helping with the adult summer reading prizes. Alisha will purchase a gift card from Water Street Books.
- e. Upcoming Programs
 - i. Adult Book Club
 - 1. June
 - a. Wednesday, June 25th at 6:30pm
 - b. The Saints of Swallow Hill by Donna Everhart
 - 2. July
 - a. Wednesday, July 30th at 6:30pm
 - b. Book And Dagger: How Scholars and Librarians Became the Unlikely Spies of World War II by Elyse Graham
 - 3. August
 - a. Death of the Author by Nnedi Okorafor
 - ii. Cookbook Club
 - 1. July 12th, noon
 - 2. Simple by Ottolenghi
 - iii. YA Book Club
 - 1. Aug 9th
 - 2. Brooms by Jasmine Walls
 - iv. Game Day
 - 1. June 14th, 1-4
 - 2. July 12th, 1-4
 - 3. Aug 2nd, 1-4
- 6. Youth Programming Report (Leah)
 - a. Summer Reading
 - i. Reading Dragons (like Pokemon)
 - ii. Robot Petting Zoo is funded by the Friends. This will be July 9th.
 - iii. Kids Craft Fair will kick off the Summer Reading.

- iv. A variety of prizes have been received from a number of businesses like Las Olas, Cinnamon Rainbows, Great Wolf Lodge.
- 7. OM Practice
 - a. 18 members, 3 new members in May, 3 live classes in May.
- 8. Charitable Gaming: Judy talked to Geri at Mesquite and also sent information and an invite for the June 11th event to the Brook at Seabrook. She will follow up on that with more information.
- 9. Volunteer Sign Ups
[Friends of the HF Library: Volunteer Signup \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)- There are some Little Free Library slots open for summer.
- 10. June 11 Event
 - a. Friends and Trustees should arrive at 6:00; the general public will arrive at 6:30.
 - b. No cost for insurance for the event.
 - c. Money is needed for platters for 100 people and champagne toast. Amy will reach out to Desiree to see if she has ideas about the platters. Victoria's Kitchen in North Hampton is a possibility. The cost there is \$100 for a platter for 50 people. We can return any champagne that is not used. \$300 for Prosecco, \$1000 for food, sparkly juice (maybe red).
 - d. Laura will preprint name tags for Friends, Staff and Trustees.
 - e. Val made a motion for a budget of up to \$1,500. Motion passed with all in favor.
 - f. 2 tickets will be given to each adult of age for alcoholic beverages. Matt will card people at the bar if it is needed.
- 11. Reading Garden is \$8,500. Is this something the Friends want to sponsor? Judy made a motion to allocate \$8,500 for the Reading Garden with naming rights. Motion passed with all in favor.
- 12. Elections:
Judy made a motion to accept the slate below. Motion passed with all in favor.
 - a. Chair: Amy Dorgan
 - b. Vice-Chair: Judy Wilson
 - c. Vice-Chair: Deborah Regan
 - d. Treasurer: Alisha Roberts
 - e. Secretary: Susi Burke

Meeting adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:04.

Next meeting: September 3 , 2025, at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary