Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Thursday September 2, 2026; Called to order at 6:35 pm.

Present: Susi Burke, Allie DiPietro, Amy Dorgan, Leah Knowlton, Val Marshall, Joanna Meighan, Alisha Roberts, Judy Wilson **Liaison from the Trustees:** None

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Amy:** Send the latest copy of By Laws to Friends.
- **All**: Library volunteer opportunities are on this volunteer link.
- **All**: Bring Dues in October.

PARKING LOT:

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

DISCUSSED:

1. Minutes
    a. We will need to approve the June 2026 Minutes in October
2. Bookmarks
    a. All bookmarks have been taken; received $35 in cash donations.
    b. These were well received.
    c. We would like to do these again with a fall theme this time; Leah can hand them out at the Boo Bash.
    d. Allie made a motion for $500 for continuous supply of bookmarks; this was unanimously approved.
3. Goals for this cycle
    a. New Logo completed for the Friends.
4. Treasurer's report
    a. Current Balance: $36,942.76. **Note:** This includes some garden donations.
    b. Received $500 donation for the Friends in August through Paypal included in this balance.
    c. The balance does not include one deposit for a $500 garden donation..
    d. Benevity renewal is required. Alisha is working on this.
    e. Alisha is almost done with the annual report. This covers July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
        i. Received $3,549 donations ($2,350 garden donations); spent $10, 109.11
        ii. Biggest expense: children's programming
5. Gaming
    a. Got approval from the state so we can apply to gaming rooms.
    b. Can have a total of 10 days per year.
    c. Allie is willing to jump in and reach out to The Brook again.
    d. We will try to get local publicity for our book donations to Mesquite.
6. Trustee Report
    a. No Trustees present.

7. Director and Youth Programming's Report (Joanna/Leah)
    a. Youth Summer Reading
        i. Kickoff went well - about 100 people.
        ii. Wildlife Encounters (120 participants) and Jungle Jim (70 participants) were the most popular programs
        iii. Oceanarium was great but the turnout (9) was an issue due to time of day.
        iv. Leah did some Storytime Outreach at Farmer's Market and Summer Camp.
    b. Adult Summer Reading
        i. FBI Series has been well received; last one is next Thursday
        ii. Qi Gong partnership with REc was also well received
        iii. Bobcat program was great.
        iv. Adult summer reading had 77 people signed up.
    c. Community Book, Bake and Yard Sale
        i. Saturday, September 19th 10 - 2 pm
        ii. Need help in the week before to sort books.
        iii. Bake Sale help: signup at front desk for baked goods
    d. Upcoming programs
        i. September 9th at 6:30 PM: Poisonous Plant
        ii. September 12th at 12:00 PM: Cookbook club
        iii. September 12 at 12:30 PM: : Ryder Gaudreau Artist reception
        iv. September 30th at 6:30pm: The Golden Age of Illustration
        v. Everyone's Trash: One Man Against 1.6 Billion Pounds by Duncan Watson
            1. Author Visit: Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 pm
            2. Book Club Meetings: Wednesday, October 28th at 6:30 pm and Friday, October 30th at 11 am
    e. Gardens
        i. Reading Garden work will start this fall
        ii. Trustees want Friends to pay to maintain gardens; estimate $2500 a year. We will need to discuss this further since this would be a large part of our current annual budget.
    f. Volunteers
        i. Joanna will email Allie what is needed.
        ii. Book Sale Sept 19 - 26
    g. 25th Anniversary
        i. Is there something we can do to celebrate this?
        ii. Maybe wait until Library week in April 2027.
        iii. Could coordinate with the Historical Society.
        iv. Need a committee for this if it is to happen.
8. Sign ups for Little Free Library are on this volunteer link.
    a. Need someone to stock the Little Free Library for the two weeks starting 9/21.
9. Google Non Profit
    a. We are having issues with this; they have disallowed access. Working with Google Non Profit to resolve this.
10. By Laws
    a. The latest one was deleted when folders were deleted from previous president; Amy has paper copy with markups and will send this to everyone
    b. Need to update By Laws particularly dealing with the need for quorum at meetings. Maybe we should separate planning meetings and budget meetings. We could only require quorum for budget and officer voting meetings.

c. Need a meeting to talk about edits then post publicly for 30 days. After that we can hold and an adoption meeting where we would need a quorum to vote on these.

Meeting adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.
Next meeting: Wed Oct 7, 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary