

Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library Agenda

November 2, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Present: Jane Shanahan, Nancy Axelson, Judy Wilson, Jeanne Storer, Leah Knowlton, Joanna Meighan, Alisha Roberts and Deborah Regan

Minutes of the October 5, 2022, Meeting - approved

Treasurer's Report - \$34,214.42 +\$500.00 grant from State Street (via Laura and Michael Pouliot)

Library Director's Report

- Book Sale final report - \$2300.00, including books, yard and bake sale.
- Future ideas for left over books – take to non-profits, senior centers, and prisons.
- Passes usage update – previous month – two passes taken out, one for the MFA and one for Strawberry Banke
- Discussed adding Christa McAuliffe Museum in Concord; membership cost is \$300.00. Decided to table until the next meeting.

Continuing Business

- Annual Report requirements– Alisha
Discussion about requirement of five officers, possible change to our bylaws, which can be made at any meeting. We currently have four; Deborah will be co-chair, in case of Judy's absence.
- Dover Poker Room update -we are on their schedule for 2023.
- Strategic Planning update (SOAR) – Erin contacted people to serve as mediators, will start later in the spring.
- Cabin Fever prize idea for winter reading contest – Leah looked into family trip floating on the Saco River in North Conway – cost is \$22 – 30 pp. Voted to approve a \$100.00 gift certificate. Discussed and approved up to \$150.00 for movie theatre gift certificate.

New Business:

- Proposed next meeting focus on “strategic spending” – ideas about how current balance can be used to fund impactful and creative projects – discussed and decided to wait until after results of the SOAR planning.
- Upcoming programs for adults
- LAS has several programs with authors coming up.
- Joanna would like to offer programs for home schooling families.
- Writer’s workshop for kids.
- For seniors - How not to get hacked and what to do if you are hacked.
- Tech person office hours each week. Judy will look into this. Bring your devices and learn how to download on them.
- Robotics program, using robotic arm from the NH State Library.
- How to inform residents how much money they can save using the library resources, including books, e-books and audio books, magazines, Hooplah and Canopy – movies to rent.

Next Meeting: Wednesday –December 7, 2022, at 6:30 PM