

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday Jan 4, 2023

Present: Nancy Axelson, Susi Burke, Amy Dorgan, Leah Knowlton, Joanna Meighan, Donna Onacki, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, Judy Wilson. Online: Melodee Carter-Guyette, Jean Storer

Discussed:

1. Dec Minutes – Approved as amended (Balance updated)
2. Treasurer's report
 - a. Current balance: \$35,070.06
 - b. The Friends received \$5.64 from Amazon Smile.
 - c. Alisha got a debit card to make purchases easier.
 - d. Alisha will check Citizens for CD rates and Money Market rates.
3. Director's Report (Joanna Meighan)
 - a. Finished cookbook sale and made over \$800.
 - b. "Take Your Child to the Library Day"
 - i. Date: Saturday, February 4
 - ii. Want to encourage people to come into the library as families.
 - iii. There will be Legos and games for kids.
 - iv. Refreshments: Alisha and Deborah will bake; Jean and Melodee will provide drinks.
 - v. Door prizes: Joanna requested one \$25 for each of these local merchants: Nicks, Martha's and Applecrest. This was approved. Alisha will pick these up.
 - c. Scott Faiia presentation on Ethiopia -- Wednesday, February 8
 - i. Refreshments: Donna and Judy will bake for this event.
 - d. Museum Gift Cards
 - i. Discussion included museums such as McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Boston Children's Museum, Museum of Science, and the New England Aquarium.
 - ii. Had trouble finding ways to buy gift cards at some of these places.
 - iii. [Aquarium](#) had gift cards available. Joanna and Leah requested 4 \$50 gift cards for a total of \$200. Each gift card would cover 2 children's fees. This was approved with shipping costs. Alisha will call to purchase to hopefully reduce the total shipping cost fee. Online it is \$9.99 per card because cards have to be ordered separately.
4. STEM Discover Kits
 - a. Leah has short list; total retail is around \$310.
 - i. Chemistry Kit (Flux Game, Molecule Set, Basher Science, Elements Book): \$93.91
 - ii. Laser Kit (Laser Maze, Book): \$55.98
 - iii. Microscope Kit (Microscope, Prepared Slides, Book): \$109.95
 - iv. US Kit (Scrambled States Game and Book, Puzzle, United Tweets Book): \$54.96
 - v. A total of \$400 was approved to cover kits, shipping and bins for the kits to be stored.
5. Adults Kits
 - a. Trustees brought up the idea of kits for adults. Some ideas are below.
 - i. Infrared thermometer for measuring heat loss in houses

- ii. Experience Bollywood Kit: Indian cookbook, Bollywood DVDs, Bollywood music
 - iii. Self-Care Box, relaxing CD, Yoga DVD, Yoga Bind and Mind handbook, Self-Care Cookbook
 - iv. Lawn Games: Bocce, Giant Jenga, etc.
 - v. Wood Burning Tool
 - vi. Craft Kits
 - 1. Wouldn't want to do things that are consumable.
 - 2. Donna has a hand loom she could donate; might want to get a book to go with that.
 - 3. Knitting: needles of different sizes or [Round Loom for knitting hats](#) and books.
 - b. Leah and Joanna will review these ideas, get prices on ones that look best and present at next meeting.
6. Little Free Library Sign up
- a. Judy setup new login info with Sign Up Genius.
 - b. Looks like it is well covered through April.
 - c. Judy will let us know at our monthly meetings if there are openings that need to be covered.
7. Poker Room
- a. No new news but it's not for a while.
 - b. If Alisha doesn't hear by next month, she will reach out.
8. Winter Reading Program
- a. Leah shared the "Float down the Saco" winter reading.
 - b. She has created both an adult and children's version.
 - c. Joanna will post on Facebook and Susi will reshare from the Friends page.
 - d. Vision Max Cinema donated 2 \$50 gift cards for Winter Reading.
9. Upcoming programs
- a. Local resident Scott Faiia will present a slide show and talk about Ethiopia.
 - i. Feb 8TH, snow date Feb 15th
 - ii. In person program.
 - b. Culturally Curious with Jane O'Neal through the NH Humanities
 - i. March 15th; if snow that day, it will be on Zoom.
 - ii. Refreshments would be needed if in person.
 - iii. Fierce Females: Women in Art
10. Suggested Future Programs
- a. Donna will read one of Lara Bricker books for the next meeting to see if this is worthwhile pursuing.
11. Hannaford Bloomin for good Program
- a. Throughout January, the Friends will receive \$1 for each Bloomin' for Good bouquet sold in Hampton.
 - b. Judy bought one and said they were beautiful.
 - c. FB Posts scheduled to promote this on January 1st and 15th.

Action Items:

- **Alisha:** Investigate CD rates and Money Mkt rates at Citizens to see if we should move some money into those.
- **Alisha:** Purchase the gift cards for Winter Reading program.
- **Alisha:** Purchase the gift cards for the Aquarium.
- **Donna:** Read one of Lara Bricker's books to see if an author event with her would be good.
- **Alisha and Deborah:** Bake for "Take Your Child to the Library Day" on Feb 4.
- **Jean and Melodee:** Provide drinks for "Take Your Child to the Library Day" on Feb 4. Extras will be used for Ethiopia program.
- **Donna and Judy:** Bake for Ethiopia event on Feb 8.
- **Joanna and Leah:** Review ideas for adult kits and make suggestions at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 PM

Next meeting: Feb 1, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary