

Minutes - Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library Agenda

May 4, 2022

Present: Nancy Axelson, Amy Dorgan, Sheila Tanguay, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, Judy Wilson, Jean Storer, Barbara Tosiano, Deborah Regan

Minutes of the April 6, 2022, Meeting - approved

Treasurer's Report - \$35,143.36

Library Director's Report

1. Museum Membership passes update – most membership passes have been received, except for Bedrock Gardens and Strawberry Banke. Patrons can check with the museum to verify membership status, if needed. Some museums, like the Museum of Fine Arts, provide the library with a code that patrons can use, rather than an actual pass.
2. New Library website launch. – thank you to Erin and Joanna for a great new look to the library web page.
3. *Pay Pal* donation link on the Friends page for payment of dues and donations – still working on this, not up yet.
4. Donations – the Friends decided to solicit any size donation, rather than list membership donation levels.
5. Writers Workshop update- starts Saturday, May 7, eight people registered.
6. Comic book artist program for children with Marek Bennett – request for purchase of author's graphic novels - Leah

Continuing Business:

1. Dover Poker Room – check presentation, picture taken with some of the members of the Friends, receiving the check on the poker room face book page.
2. Little Free Libraries – appear to be getting used, may get more use at the Gov. Weare Park, with spring sports starting back up, put summer reading flyers in the boxes.

New Business:

1. April Events recap – The Big Trees of NH – 19 people attended, sent recording to six people.
2. Upcoming programs – Make a Hummingbird Feeder – Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 AM – HF Conservation Commission, participants will make the feeders from wine bottles.
3. Summer Reading program – Leah
 - Comic Book author Marek Bennett will be presenting on May 18 & 25.

The summer reading theme is oceans this year and programs include presentations from:

- Center for Wildlife – sponsored by the HF Tricentennial Commission
- Seacoast Science Center
- Oceanarium
- Wildlife Encounters \$350.00
- Leah hopes to hire a magician as well, for about \$400.00.
- She is requesting funds from the Friends for this and for a prize for the summer reading program – bicycle and helmet - \$100.00 and to purchase two books by the comic book author who is coming – cost - \$46.00.

She also plans to continue the teen book boxes for up to 20 teens. Teens who are interested, come to the library to pick them up. Cost - \$100.00

4. Eyewitness books request – Leah
 - The books are well used and in deteriorating condition.
 - The library has 150 of these books and 20 new ones are coming out in the next year.
 - Request for \$197.78 to purchase the 20 coming out and two others to replace current volumes.

Friends approved up to \$2000.00 for Leah's requests.

5. Upcoming Election of Officers at June meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday – June 1, 2022, at 6:30 PM

- Officers will be elected at the annual meeting.