

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday Oct 5, 2022

Present: Susi Burke, Amy Dorgan, Leah Knowlton, Joanna Meighan, Donna Onacki, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Erin Sniderman, Jean Storer, Judy Wilson.

Discussed:

1. Sept Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurer’s report
 - a. Current balance: \$35,209.52 after 2 checks below are deposited.
 - b. \$50 from a Wakeda Campground family and \$100 from Fidelity Charitable.
 - c. Alisha is working on Annual Report.
3. Poker Room
 - a. Alisha sent email to Tammy from the Poker Room and Tammy confirmed that we are on list for 10 days in 2023. She will let us know when she figures out the 2023 schedule.
4. Director’s Report (Joanna Meighan)
 - a. Book Sale Saturday Sunday 24th
 - i. Went very well. More than half of the donations that were received were sold.
 - ii. 6 boxes of leftover children’s books went to the Mesquite, Nevada community associated with The Brook in Seabrook.
 - b. Writers Workshop with Bonnar Spring
 - i. Going well so far. There are a couple of younger children along with the adults.
 - c. Materials Challenge and Selection Policy Update
 - d. Museum Pass Usage Update
 - i. 5 passes were used in September: Bedrock Gardens, The Fells, MFA, Wright Museum, Isabella Stewart.
 - ii. We will continue to encourage people to use the passes. Maybe suggest library patrons to send photos to Friends to post on Facebook when they use the passes.
 - iii. 49 passes have been used so far this year.
5. Strategic Plan update (Erin Sniderman)
 - a. Erin met and talked with Trustees about the strategic plan. It was agreed that they would hire a third person facilitator.
 - b. Erin has sent emails out to consultants who have done strategic plans for libraries.
 - c. 13 people would be the ideal committee size for the strategic plan: 2 Trustees, 2 Friends, 2 Employees for core committee and then 7 additional members of community. Goal is to have a variety of people on the committee to represent different facets of the community.
 - d. Anticipated commitment for the committee: It would start in 2023 running for about 6-9 months. Full meetings would likely be once a month but there may be times where there would be a bigger time commitment, possibly once a week.
6. Summer Reading program update (Leah Knowlton)

- a. Summer Reading program prize will be an LL Bean inflatable sled. Leah requested \$200 and this was approved.
- b. Maybe have a Cabin Fever prize in the winter that could be a family trip using a raffle style entry that anyone any age could contribute to by reading. Prize could be Saco River rafting trip for family.
- 7. Little Free Library
 - a. Jean and Judy went through Little Library refill boxes at the library and created three boxes categorized by Adult, Children and Holiday.
- 8. Hannaford Bag Program
 - a. Friends will receive \$1 for each \$2.50 bag sold; looks like it will be about \$25. We haven't received the money yet. In the future, it would be better to have more advance notice in order to be able to promote this.
- 9. PayPal Donation Link
 - a. Alisha is looking into this.
- 10. Upcoming programs
 - a. Meet the Director Reception Wed, Oct 12th, 6:30
 - i. Ideas: Two truths and a Lie, Blind Date with Books Joanna Likes, a display of favorite Staff Picks, Find Someone Who

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 PM

Next meeting: Nov 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary