

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday Jan 8, 2025; Called to order at 6:35 pm.

Present: Susan Burke, Leah Knowlton, Val Marshall, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Judy Wilson

ACTION ITEMS:

- **All:** Select dates for the [Friends of the HF Library: Volunteer Signup \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com). There are January dates that need to be filled
- **Amy:** Will send a recording and slides to everyone for the ALA Webinar on the Library of Things.
- **Leah:** Will create a tablecloth with Friends of the Hampton Falls Library.

PARKING LOT:

- Look into the possibility of creating Friends Swag like Tote Bags, table banner, name tags. Note: Enviro-Tote is a NH company that libraries around here use.
- Explore the possibility of a Repair Clinic - we would need a champion for this.
- Review potential craft subscriptions.

DISCUSSED:

1. Minutes
 - a. Judy made a motion to approve the Dec 2024 Minutes; Motion passed with all in favor.
2. Goals for this cycle
 - a. Awareness – increase awareness of Friends and how we support the library.
 - b. Membership – increase membership by 5. Membership has increased by 1.
3. Treasurer's report
 - a. Current Balance: \$46,975.59
 - b. Deposited check for \$500 donation from David Conti today.
 - c. Banking info updated - Amy and Alicia are both on the account. They said because of the type of account they can not do a money market account. Alisha may be able to open a Schwab account and move some money there. Alisha will bring paperwork next month and we can vote on it.
 - d. Benevity re-certification has been completed.
4. Trustee Report (No Trustee here tonight)
 - a. Beth is at the Select Board Meeting tonight.
5. Director's Report (Leah)
 - a. Completed Programs
 - i. Joanna wasn't here to give updates.
 - b. Upcoming Programs
 - i. January
 1. Scam Talk - FBI Special Agent Kimberly Blackwood
 - a. Thursday, Jan 16 at 6:00 pm.
 - b. The Recreation Commission is co-sponsoring this.
 2. French Music, History and Entertainment
 - a. Wed Jan 22 at 6:30 pm.

- b. Friends of the Bandstand, Franco American Center in Manchester and Library French Together group are all participating.
 - c. Snacks will be needed. The French Club might bring snacks according to Wendy.
 - d. Funded by Friends of HFFL.
 - ii. February
 - 1. Aquaculture
 - a. Wednesday Feb 12th at 6:30 pm.
 - b. Presenters may include UNH, Swell, SHEA, Daily Haul.
 - c. Snacks will be needed.
 - 2. Presentation by Scott Faaiia
 - a. Cancelled because he is out of town.
- 6. Youth Programming Report (Leah)
 - a. Souper Sunday
 - i. Feb 2nd, 12 - 2pm
 - ii. Rec, Conservation, Friends, Library, Heritage, Historical, PTO will have tables.
 - iii. Friends will need a handout/flier/poster for that day. Need a large crockpot of soup from the Friends.
 - iv. Leah will create a tablecloth with Friends of the Hampton Falls Library to use for this event and future events.
- 7. Charitable Gaming
 - a. Deborah reached out to Deb Altschiller but didn't get much of a response from her in regards to whether gaming rooms will need to choose local charities.
 - b. Judy reached out to Gerri Chasko and got a contact from The Brook. Judy will set up a meeting with Leslie Wiseman, Charity Liaison at the Brook but wants to have a plan for what we would earmark the funds for. Some suggestions would be creating and maintaining a Makerspace and the Summer Reading program.
- 8. Volunteer Sign Ups

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 - a. Updated with 2025 Little Free Library slots - All open from 1/20 through rest of year.
 - b. May need refreshments on 1/22 event if the French Club isn't providing the snacks.
- 9. Town Report Friends Summary
 - a. Amy is drafting this.
- 10. Library of Things
 - a. Judy, Leah and Susi met yesterday 1/8/25.
 - b. Created a Tentative Promotion Schedule.
 - c. Ideas for promotion:
 - i. Mention Library of Things when talking at events.
 - ii. Publicize on Friends FB, Library Newsletter and display top shelf.
 - iii. Communicate with other town groups like the Recreation committee on items like snowshoes and pickleball.
 - iv. Put on the Library Friends Bulletin Board.
 - v. Connect with Library programs when appropriate.
 - d. One idea that had been floated was for medical items like crutches, walkers or knee scooters. Judy researched this and Lion's club has a Medical Closet so we do not need to do this.
- 11. OM Practice
 - a. Deborah's sister is a trustee at Shutesbury and they use this program and are very happy with it.
 - b. Online fitness and mindfulness. Meditation, Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, QiGong.

- c. 100 live video classes a week plus video library.
- d. Cost is \$750/year
- e. General consensus is that this was a good idea. We will revisit at February meeting so Joanna can be part of the discussion
- f. Sam Tackeoff, one of the co-founders, provided this link for us to test out the memberships on their demo membership: <https://app.ompractice.com/memberships/demo-membership> and an example of their [library onboarding kit](#).

Meeting adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Next meeting: February 5 , 2025, at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary