

Friends of KFL Library Meeting Minutes 11/04/24

Call to order- 5:30pm

Attending: Michelle Conners, (Library Director); Allison Atkins, (Assistant Director); Anita Randall, (KFL Development Director); Kat Boucher; Andrea Carey; Laura Dauphinais; Linda DeFelice; Liz Hamel; Dianne Napolitano; Peg Nelson; Risa Oganessoff Heersche; Gene Parr; Jim Perry; Kathy & Bob Porter; Deb Redding-Sampson; Diana Rush; Jean Whitney; Kate Wormwood.

1. Welcome & Introductions: Deb welcomed the group

2. Review & Accept 9/9/24 Meeting Minutes- One revision noted. Kathy Porter spells her name with a K (under new business). Peg moved to accept the minutes as revised; second by Linda DeFelice; motion carried unanimously.

3. Old Business:

a. Membership update- Michelle noted there are 47 current members in 2024. Renewal is annual.

b. Leadership 2025- Slate for leadership team for 2025 presented by Deb: Kat Boucher- President; Risa Oganessoff Heersche- Vice President; Liaisons to Trustees- Kathy & Bob Porter, Sarah Luchesi; Recorder- Liz Hamel. Deb moved to accept the slate as presented; second by Jean. Vote was unanimous to accept the new slate of officers.

c. Book Sorting Committee Update- some challenges being met by Peg & team; surplus of large print books to be sorted & some will be donated to Huntington Common by Liz; if other members have ideas for locations to donate, please contact Peg. Deb will check with her mom's facility; Carol Whitten takes loan books to Huntington Common & Atria. She could offer donations to those sites as well.

d. Harvest Fest Book Sale Update- Peg reported a total of \$785 was raised. Sparse attendance was noted on the Friday eve for the Friends presale from 5-6pm; no attendees 6-7pm. Perhaps members aren't comfortable driving after dark. Peg & Donna discussed changing the presale to a March Madness sale during the day during library hours- no additional staff would be required & the sale could be held from the sorting room, saving members moving the sale materials. This presale is to be marketed as a perk to membership.

Deb thanked Peg for organizing the sale. A fun time was had by all- community members, staff & volunteers.

4. New Business:

a. 2025 Membership Drive- Michelle will send the brochure & letter to the leadership team for review. Packet to be distributed in early December.

b. Holiday Wreaths- Allison reported 80-90 have been ordered already. Usual count is approximately 200. Michelle noted that the Friends donate funds to purchase the wreaths which decorate the library. Volunteers are needed Sat, 11/23 to distribute wreaths from 8a-12:30p. Gene volunteered.

c. Holiday Ornament Tree Decorating- Volunteers will be needed to decorate the library tree- date TBD. Jean, Kate & Deb volunteered.

d. Library Updates:

i.- Window installation- Michelle noted project will begin Mon, 11/11 & proceed over approximately 1.5 weeks. Some minor interior touch up work will then be completed.

ii.- Fundraising- Anita spoke about the 4000 letter campaign to the community. Volunteers will be needed to fold letters & stuff envelopes- date in mid Nov TBD. An email will be sent for volunteers to sign up on Google docs.

iii.- Holiday Giving- Anita shared the initial goal is to raise \$45,000 for the library. Once accomplished, there is a \$12,000 challenge match being offered by a few generous donors.

iv.- "Worthy Wednesdays"- Allison reported that the Burleigh Restaurant at Kennebunkport Inn will honor the KFL 12/11/24 with 10% of all sales (food & beverage including alcohol) from 5p- closing being donated to the library! Make your reservations now! Link can be found in the Nov KFL newsletter.

v.- Nonantum Fire & Ice- The KFL will be the recipient of a \$5000 grant if ten volunteers staff the event Friday evening 12/13/24 from 5:15-10p. Eight volunteers are in place; two additional are needed. *NB*, It is an outdoor event so anticipate cold weather & dress accordingly. All volunteers will receive a free ticket for entry the following evening for the event! Contact the KFL staff to volunteer.

vi.- Development of Pollinator Garden- Allison reported that goat day successfully cleared the plot of land adjacent to the library & UU church parking lot and a planning committee meeting will be held to discuss & select which plants should be planted in the space in spring 2025. The effort is a collaboration between the Planeteers, UU Church, Kennebunk Conservation Commission & KFL. The date of the meeting is TBD. See Allison to volunteer. Deb has volunteered.

e. Schedule 2025 Friends Meeting Dates- 1/6/25; 4/7/25; 9/8/25; 11/3/25

5. 2025 Book Sales/ Other Events-

- a. May Day- 5/3/25
- b. Blueberry- TBD
- c. Harvest Fest- TBD

Adjournment- Deb asked Kat, as the new President, to adjourn the meeting. Kat moved for the meeting to be adjourned at 6:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Hamel,
Recorder