

Friends of Kennebunk Free Library
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023

Friends in Attendance: Joan Carroll, Donna Gomez (vice-president), Sue Patterson, Risa Oganessoff Heersche (liaison to trustees), Peg Nelson (book sorting coordinator), Laura Dauphinais (trustee), Kathleen Porter, Linda DeFelice (trustee), Lori Parkinson (trustee), Rosemary Lavoie (trustee), Jean Irvine, Andrea Carey, Deb Redding-Sampson (president), Janine Coy (recorder, via Zoom))

Staff in Attendance: Michelle Conners (director), Allison Atkins (assistant director), Anita Randall (development director)

Meeting minutes 1/10/23 unanimously accepted as written (Laura, Linda D.)

OLD BUSINESS

Membership Update: 55 current members

February pop-up book sale: yielded \$20, but subsequent donated book had \$414 in it

Book Sorting Committee: Peg reported weekly sorting volunteers are in place with more in reserve

May Day (May 6th):

- Booksale will have bargain rates for paperbacks and puzzles, set up for inside and outside. Peg is coordinating
- KFL will also have a presence in the May Day parade, per last year, to start at 12:30 pm, currently Kat, Anita, Lori, Linda, and Deb are coordinating
- Group will wear new bright green road race T shirts, carry banners, signs, and hand out bookmarks. Deb and Lori will coordinate with Allison on prep and KFL will provide 2 carts to decorate

NEW BUSINESS

Library Updates

- The **Family Place program** starts 4/20; a 7-week literacy and language focus on 0-5 year-old growth opportunities, with local professional speakers for parents and play times for children. 8 families have signed up to date
- Currently, **grants** have been written regarding supporting the remote work force, current programs, and computers/tech
- staff have new computers, tech. ed is going well
- **May Day Faerie Festival** faerie houses are being displayed now in children's room
- board trustee recruitment is underway and with a total of 8 positions available, good candidates applying
- As of summer, the **maintenance manager position** is available (Leroy retiring)—It is a 35-hour position, any leads welcome
- **Development:** Anita reported the **July 14th 5k road race** prep is ahead of schedule with 89 registrants so far, beer will be from Federal Jack's, Garden Street Bowl/Crotux will provide bagged meal (with offsite prep), sponsorships beyond \$27K to date
- **Annual appeal:** mailing is going to 4000 donors, need volunteers to prep, see Sarah's sign-up sheet
- **Summer reading** prep underway, Pirate Band June 20
- **Kind and Caring Club** program going well

- **2023 passes** purchased by Friends: Maine State Parks, Portland Museum of Art, Seashore trolley Museum, Maine Botanical Garden, Strawberry Banke, Ogunquit Museum of American Art

OTHER

- **Friends aprons:** some are in need of updating, more are in storage (Allison, Donna)
- Consider the return of **bake sales**?

Upcoming Dates:

- Family Fun Day 4/15
- May Day: May 6th Booksale, Fairly Festival, Parade
- Pirate Band: June 20
- Blueberry Fair at UU Church (and KFL book sale) July TBD
- Harvest Festival in October
- Sea Shore Trolley Museum Ice Cream Social: August 9

Motion to adjourn: 6:13 pm