FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Allison Truslow called the meeting to order at 1:00pm


Chair Report: Allison Truslow
January Minutes accepted

- Jan Madigan is planning a trip to the Peabody Essex Museum to see Made It: The Women Who Revolutionized Fashion. The exhibit showcases more than 100 works, spanning 250 years, recognizing women's often-overlooked contributions to the fashion and design industry. From Mary Todd Lincoln's seamstress to Elsa Schiaparelli and Gabrielle ‘Coco’ Chanel, to experimental labels like Chromat, women designers have transcended genres and revolutionized ideas of identity. Made It features show-stopping ensembles, street fashion, ready-to-wear, and haute couture that illuminate issues of representation, creativity, consumption, transculturation, and distinctiveness which have and continue to impact the fashion industry.
- The trip is Thursday, May 28
- Friends has partnered with the Garden Club to fill the bus. Jan has asked that they mainly help with publicity
- Price is $38 per person which includes the entrance fee to the museum.
- Bus would fit approximately 48 to 50 people
- Friends would have to front the money since it is not in the budget
- If bus doesn't fill, the trip would be cancelled 30 days prior

Library Director Report: Amy Lapointe
- Display case is gone.
- There are places throughout the library that can be used for displays
- The case is too much real estate for things not really a priority for the mission of the library and the space it was taking up can be used for more important things
- When the dust settles we can come up with different options for monthly displays.
- Example of a great display is SHS Senior Project 3D projects
- Maybe a curio cabinet that can be mounted on the wall?
- The display cabinet was actually one of the library tables with glass pieces screwed in place and alarmed.
- The Historical Society might have a need for the display case. Tina Hamilton will ask her neighbor

Treasurer’s Report: Laura Ilsley

Opening Balance: $41,373.02
Income: $759.04 ($1.05 interest; $100 donation; $127.99 Book Sale; $30 membership; $500 trivia night)
Expenses: $350 for summer children programming
Ending Balance: $41,782.06

Correspondent’s Report: Diane Bonenfant
  • No update

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Membership: Lisa Walker/Pam MacDonald
  • Lisa, Jane and Zola have been working on a display board to put in the library for the month of February to educate people about the Friends and encourage membership

Professional Art Display: Sharron April/Liz Larson - no update

Display Case: Zola Brown - the display case is no longer. Will revisit displays after the renovation

Publicity/Website: Jane Martina. - no update

Newsletter: Andrea Maier -no update

On-Line Book Selling: Cheryl Forster. – Amazon and Ebay are still suing people over tax collection from states. Cheryl only sells to states that have no sales tax, or local people

Book Club: Tina Hamilton. -February book is "Many Lives, Many Masters" by Dr. Brian Weiss, True Story of a Prominent Psychiatrist, His Young Patient, And The Past-Life Therapy That Changed Both Their Lives. Meeting is scheduled at Tina’s house on 2/6/20 at 7:00pm. Please contact Tina if you will be attending

Book Sale: Shelley Quinn
  • No book donations are being accepted through February
  • If you have any books to donate and see the book sale bookcase looking bare, bring in a few books and put them on the shelf.

Trivia Night: Kim Casey and Liz Larson
  • It’s coming along
  • 8 tables have sold, still waiting for checks. Need to promote big-time, especially with the schools to get teachers to get tables. Please share with everyone.
  • If people want to play but don’t have a whole table, have them contact Kim.
  • Kim will be accepting payments with PayPal soon. If people don’t want to pay the extra charge to pay with PayPal, they can just write a check
• SignUp Genius filled up quick for Trivia Night help (10 bouncers and 2 check-in).
• Liz will send out a SignUp Genius for Silent Auction help
• There will be a silent auction (bag/basket and tickets, not one where people write down their bids) and 50/50 raffle
• Start thinking of things you can offer. Local is best. Moultons is a very popular one. Use your connections to get items/gift cards. Email Kim with your ideas and when you get an item
• Kim will email a silent auction donation letter shortly to use in your endeavors to gather items
• Shannon Chandley will be the Master of Ceremonies
• Does anyone want to “spearhead” the silent auction?
• Press release sent to the Amherst Citizen on 1/30
• Flyers are up at the library, Moultons and Hampshire Hills
• Kim has received phone calls from patrons not happy about the change (complaints about wine/food/price). Hopefully everyone will be pleasantly surprised with the change this year.
• If you have feedback or ideas, please call or text 816-560-9047

Board/Membership Recruitment
• Thursday 2/20, 6pm to 8pm at Liz Larson’s house
• Bring a book for the book swap (does not need to be new)
• If you want, bring an appetizer
• Liz will figure out drinks
• Bring friends to encourage membership!

Topic Tabled for Next Meeting
Pricing the books on the Friends Booksale Shelf
• Current pricing is $1 for everything
• Do we raise the price of books?
• Do we make adult books and juvenile books different prices?
• Think of this and come up with ideas for next month’s discussion

Future Meetings
Wednesday, March 4
Wednesday, April 1st (no joke!)
Wednesday, May 6
Wednesday, June 3 — Date & location to be confirmed.

We will NOT have a December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM
Respectfully submitted by Jane Pollio