FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2019 Allison Truslow called The Friends of the Library meeting to order at 1:00pm.

**Attendees:** Jane Pollio, Shelley Quinn, Amy Lapointe, Michele Burke, Lucienne Foulks, Becky Bolin, Liz Larson, Zola Brown, Jan Madigan, Cheryl Forster, Sally Harrington, Lisa Walker, Tina Hamilton

**Chair Report** (Allison Truslow): June 2019 minutes approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** (Laura Isley)
Opening Balance: $30,578.34
Income: $965.11
- Membership $24.15, Book cart $914.80, Amazon Smile $22.45; Interest $3.91
Expenses: $1,416.02
- Promotional $304.07; Summer Children’s Program $600; Newsletters $77; Children’s Room Supplies $220; Gifts/Flowers $100; Student Art Show $114.95

Ending Balance: $30,127.43**  ** Cash to be used for: Gifts to the library, Remaining for FYE 6/30/18 $3,416; Additional gifts FYE 6/30/19 $5,000; Additional gifts FYE 6/30/2020 $15,000

**Library Director’s Report:** (Amy Lapointe)
- Storytimes have resumed for fall
- Programs:
  - 9/7 – Antiques Roadshow
  - 9/9 – Cruising NH History, Guide to NH Historical Roadside Markers
  - 9/10 – Google Goodies part 1
  - 9/25 – Jackie Robinson: Civil Rights icon
  - 9/30 – North Sea Gas in Concert
- Strategic Plan has been sent to the Board of Trustees. Hopefully an abridged version will be available for the Friends next month to align goals (make sure goals are moving in the same direction as the goals for the library).
- RFP for construction manager to do the renovation project is due today. Board of Trustees will be moving forward with interviews.

**Correspondent’s Report:** (Diane Bonenfant) charitable trust documents have arrived. These need to be filled out. Annual filings for insurance arrived (given to Laura Isley to fill out)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** (Lisa Walker)
- Membership renewal forms are stamped and ready to be mailed. Sign-up interest has been added to the form. Increase in membership fee has been added to the form and updated on the library website and Paypal. A while ago the membership list crashed and the member list disappeared. We don't have a hard copy of the Lifetime Member list. If you hear anyone complain about receiving the member form because they paid to be Lifetime Members, please let Lisa know. The list has to be recreated.
- Tina Hamilton offered to have a door on the green for Halloween. She will
contact the Rec Dept to see if Craig will donate a door for us.

- Liz mentioned she would siphon off from the candy donations for us to use at our door on the green.

**Professional Art Display:** (Sharron April) September artist is Daryl D. Johnson. There are empty spots for October, November; January – April; June – August.

**Display Case:** (Zola Brown) Vic Benison has his display of collected bookmarks that he takes out of the donated books for September. Display ideas are needed for: January – March, and June.

**Publicity/Website:** (Jane Martina) Jane has been busy promoting the book sale on social media and has created flyers to post around town. Each person at the meeting took 4-5 flyers to put up around town for the book sale. If you need more, check with Shelley.

**Newsletter:** (Andrea Maier) October deadline for content is 9/27. If anyone has anything unique to add, please email her.

**On-Line Book Selling:** (Cheryl Forster) No update.

**Book Club:** (Tina Hamilton) Book club is 3rd Thursday of each month. Next meeting is 9/26 (4th Thursday) due to the book sale timing. The meeting is at Tina’s house. The book for September is “Life After Life” by Kate Atkinson. The book club will be added to the library website calendar as an event (must be a current Friends member to attend)

**Book Sale:** (Shelley Quinn).

- Location is the Congregational Church on the village green (11 Church St)
- Friday, 9/20: 4:30pm – 5:00pm Members Only; 5:00pm – 7:00pm Open to Public
- Saturday, 9/21: 8:00am – 3:00pm (fill a bag for $5 – and get another bag for free – starts at 1:15pm)
- Adult books, DVD, CD are all $1; children’s books are $.50
- Sign-up Genius has been sent out.
- Needed – plastic bags
- Needed – cashiers (check Sign-Up Genius)
- Needed – clean up help on Saturday 3pm to 6pm
- Bookmarks were made to keep at circulation desk that has the website for people checking out books to use Sign-Up Genius to volunteer to help.
- Another Sign-Up Genius will be sent out for smaller jobs
- Need to run the Friday sale for at least 2 years to see if it is successful.

Tabled conversations for a later date:

- Goal of membership and membership fees?
- How can we better market/promote membership?
- How do we increase the visibility of the Friends?
- What other perks can be created for becoming a member?
- How do we ensure that the library goals and Friends goals are aligned?

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm
Respectfully submitted: Jane Pollio