

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2016

Attendees: Stephanie Tannariello , Cheryl Forster , Andrea Maier , Shelley Quinn, Pam Macdonald , Jean Treadwell , Michele Burke , Christine Farris , Sharon April, Amy Lapointe , Nancy Spears and Liz Larson

Chair's Report: (Cheryl Forster) Chair called meeting promptly to order at 1:00pm and thanked everyone for their attendance. Chair thanked Hospitality and all the many members for their prompt assistants with food donations and delivery to the "Amazing Accordionist" concert on January 10. The concert was very well received and enjoyed by all. Ruslyn promoted the Friends of the Library, which lead to \$20 in donations and one new member. The next concert is "An Afternoon of Harp and Flute Music" on February 21st. Chair is again asking for members to sign up to bring snacks and be present at the event if possible.

Secretary Report: (Shelley Quinn) November 2015 minutes approved

Treasurer Report: (Michele Burke) Opening balance: \$25,066.19, income \$2,102.95 (\$974 from Nov/Dec online book sale, \$376 from book cart, \$500 Taggart Children's room , \$120 membership and other sources) expenses \$721.44 (Sredzienski concert- \$400) for an ending balance of \$26,447.70. Amazon smile donations only show up every quarter so nothing has shown up for holiday time period. Three of the silent auction pictures have sold for around \$60.

Correspondence: (Jean Treadwell) There was a thank you note from Amy Lapointe for the book given for her daughter's birth. A thank you note needs to be written for the Taggart's \$500 donation

Trustee/ Library Director Report: (Amy Lapointe) Library Director reported the Adult Programming Series is in full swing, Trustee's approved budget and Town launched a new website with "multi access points". Library Director obtained bids from multiple sources to estimate the cost of the following potential capital projects from the Friends: café \$5.5K, (flooring- \$2K, cabinet- \$1.2K, 2 tables with chairs- \$1.5K; water and coffee available) and re-organize library layout \$15K (new seating nook, reorganize stacks to include better seating and visual appeal, new chairs and table outside archives, display unit under stairs and reconfigure nonfiction stacks). Upon review, Library Director would prefer a Friend's gift to be used towards noncore library services that are currently funded by the town to ensure consistent future funding. The Library Director would appreciate if the Friends would evaluate the two proposed capital projects for funding support. Chair motioned for a vote to fund \$5.5K for the café project. All present members approved. Library Directory was pleased with the approval and was excited to get the project going.

Committee Reports:

Membership: (Pam MacDonald) Membership reported current membership is at 120. A discussion of how to improve membership included the following suggestions: email/ mail expired members with renewal form attached, encourage membership via Trivia Night email reminders, potential inquiry into

why members did not renew, and discuss membership at concert series that Friends sponsor. Liz was going to inquire if Friends could be present during Primary Night.

Professional Art Display: (Sharon April) March artist to revisit, April artist selected. There are several fall spots open and several summer leads. It was discussed to maybe raffle donated Polaroid pictures at concert series to promote Friends.

Display Case: (Zola Brown) February and March are still open. Nancy offered to make calls to see about historical memorabilia related to mystery and crime.

Publicity: (Andrea Maier) Publicity publicized Trivia night via flyers, emails and Face book and volunteered to write an article for the local newspapers. Library Directory offered to drop off Trivia flyers at the Milford library.

Newsletter: (Joelle Mancini) Deadline to submit for the next newsletter is January 22.

On-Line Book Selling: (Cheryl Forster) Fabulous last two months have raised just under \$1,000.

Hospitality: (Paula Schmida) No update.

Trips: (Jane Cosmo/ Jan Madigan) A trip to the Currier Museum in March for the Shakespeare exhibit is being reviewed.

Holiday Book Sale: (Liz Larson) December book sale set up nicely.

Trivia Night: (Stephanie Tannariello/ Liz Larson) Committees are being set up to run the event. Publicity is already in process and smaller committees are meeting to discuss details.

Student Art Show: (Christina Faris) Flyers are ready to distribute. Sponsors have been contacted and financial support is expected shortly. Monday May 9 is start of the event which ends May 31st.

Meeting closed at 2:09

Next two meetings scheduled:

Tuesday February 16th at 1 PM & Tuesday March 15th at 7 PM

Recording Secretary

Shelley Quinn