

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2016

**Attendees:** Cheryl Forster, Shelley Quinn, Christine Farris , Michele Burke, Liz Larson, Zola Brown, Allison Truslow, Gwen Sliger, Stephanie Tannariello, Lisa Walker, Andrea Maier, Gretchen Pyles, Nancy Head, Pam Macdonald, Amy Lapointe, Sally Harrington

**Chair's Report:** (Cheryl Forster) Chair called meeting to order at 1:05 pm and thanked everyone for coming. A consensus agreed that a card and an acknowledgment of Charlene Carper's many years of service should be done since Charlene recently moved to Florida.

**Secretary Report:** (Shelley Quinn) September 2016 minutes approved.

**Treasurer Report:** (Michele Burke) Opening balance: \$20,362.80 income \$1,347.56 (\$730 membership, \$247 book cart, \$370 donation in memory of Elaine Bennett), expenses \$291.50 ( \$75 Sept Book Sale, \$215 magnets) for an ending balance of \$21,418.86.

**Correspondence:** (Allison Truslow) Several thank you/ condolence notes were sent to Elaine Bennett's family and friends who donated to the Friends on Elaine's behalf. One life-time membership thank you note was written to Lydia Green.

**Trustee/ Library Director Report:** (Amy LaPointe) The Library is winding down the fall programming related to The Big Read. Some of the highlighted events coming up: Boardman Concert, 3D printing, and the American Girl photo shoot. The first draft of the budget was approved by Trustees and it was voted that the Library could accept the Friend's donation for furnishings this past summer. Plans are in the works to reconfigure the library entrance to enable a larger year round space for book sales. Nancy Head and Christine Farris are working with Amy on the project.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** (Pam Macdonald & Lisa Walker) Membership increased to 135/136 since last month. Membership fine forgiveness cards were sent out with the Friends' new letter.

**Boardman Concert:** (Nancy Head) First Boardman Concert is scheduled for Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>. The Boardman Concert is named in honor of Anna Boardman a generous library patron. The concert will feature two repeat and one new musician on the piano, cello and violin. The library has asked the Friends to provide snacks for the concert.

**Professional Art Display:** (Christine Farris) Christine has gone to several local art events recently to identify New Hampshire residents that would be good candidates to display their art at the Library. She has lined up several months worth of work and everyone is excited about the upcoming schedule.

- October: Bonnie Yetter-Fiber Artist
- November: Mary Ellen Dubeau- Acrylic Paintings (reception Nov 6, 2-4)
- December- mid January: Dick Fischer- Oil Painting

- Mid January- February: Everything Small Exhibit
- March: Jennifer Cook, watercolorist
- April: Tina Gagnon- Color Pencil Artist
- May: Student Art Show
- June: Ken Fiery (tentative)
- July: Open
- August: Tracy Hayes (tentative)

**Display Case:** (Zola Brown) The display case has hopefully filled many of the previous open spots.

- October: Numinastics
- November: Owl Display
- December: Holiday Decorating
- January- March: open with a tentative glass art display and a DAR display for a month each
- April: Garden Club or Peabody Mills
- May: Student Art Show
- June: Potential for Senior Project
- July: Historical Society
- August: Bookmark – Vic Bennison

**Holiday Decorating:** (Kate Engel) This year's holiday theme will be snow, specifically snowflakes and snow globes. It was suggested to extend an invitation for others in the community to share their snow globes and also to work with the children's librarian regarding a holiday craft at the library that could be added to the snow theme display.

**Publicity/ Newsletter:** (Andrea Maier) Copies of the October newsletter were distributed and enjoyed by all in attendance. The next newsletter will be in February, so deadline for submission is expected around mid January.

**Hospitality:** (Paula Schmida) Hospitality reminded everyone who signed up to bring refreshments for the next Boardman Concert. The Friends of the library will share a table with the Library Trustees on election day (6am – 8 pm) to promote membership.

**Holiday Book Sale:** (Liz Larson) The Holiday Book Sale is planned to go up after the Boardman concert.

**On-Line Book Selling:** (Cheryl Forster) The on-line book sales are continuing to generate \$250-\$350 of revenue a month.

**Trips:** (Jane Cosmo/ Jan Madigan) The Friends are considering a trip to the Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) in February to experience their new exhibit, Shoes: Pleasure and Pain. The Friends would also like to plan another decent lead tour later in the year.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Book sale:** The Friends is looking for a chairperson to oversee the 4<sup>th</sup> of July book sale on the Amherst Green.

**September Book Sale:** (Gretchen Pyles) After a discussion of options, Gretchen will finalize estimates on purchasing aprons for the Friends and volunteers to wear during the book sale. The Board agreed that Gretchen can purchase a new T-shirt for Victor Bennison's.

**Trivia Night:** (Stephanie Tannariello/ Liz Larson) The event has been scheduled on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Student Art Show:** (Gwen Sliger) Reminder letters for the Student Art show have been sent out. The Chair is still soliciting ideas on best way to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Student Art Show this May.

**Miscellaneous:** Elaine Bennet's memorial service will be held at the Congregational Church on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11-2 pm. Elaine requested pies and poems to be shared at the event. Also Cheryl will move forward with ordering new Friend's totes that are dark green/ white emblem with a black handle and inside. Trustees are sharing a table with the Friends on November 8<sup>th</sup> at SHS during the election. We will be education residents on what we do and hopefully gain new members. If the tote bags are ready we will sell them to the general public.

Meeting closed at 2:05

Next meetings:

November 15, at 1 pm, December- no meeting, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm

Recording Secretary

Shelley Quinn