

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2016

Attendees: Stephanie Tannariello , Cheryl Forster , Shelley Quinn, Pam Macdonald , Michele Burke , Christine Farris , Amy Lapointe , Sally Harrington, Jan Madigam, Paula Schmida, Gwen Sliger, and Joelle Mancini

Chair's Report: (Cheryl Forster) Chair called meeting promptly to order at 1:00pm and thanked everyone for their attendance. Chair asked for volunteers for refreshments for the next concert scheduled for February 21st at 4:00- An Afternoon of Harp and Flute Music. The last concert added new members and donations to the Friends. It was reported that Ruslyn had done a nice job promoting membership to the Friends during the last concert. Stephanie and Shelley offer to represent the Friends at the February 21st concert and Paula for the March 13th event.

Secretary Report: (Shelley Quinn) January 2016 minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: (Michele Burke) Opening balance: \$26,447.70 income \$1,066.11 (\$790 Trivia Night & \$275 membership), expenses \$1,157.35 (Concerts at 4- \$350, Museum passes \$700) for an ending balance of \$26,356.46.

Correspondence: (Jean Treadwell) Correspondence wrote a thank you note for the Taggart's \$500 donation.

Trustee/ Library Director Report: (Amy Lapointe) Library Director asked individuals to participate in the March 8 election. She is happy to report many of the Friends Café funded items have either been delivered and or at least have been ordered.

Committee Reports:

Membership: (Pam MacDonald) no new update. Liz will look into approval needed for setting up a Friends table during the November 2016 election.

Professional Art Display: (Sharon April) No update

Display Case: (Zola Brown) March is still open. Many children have enjoyed the Civil War era sword on display during February.

Publicity: (Andrea Maier) Publicity is working primarily on Trivia Night. The Citizen has cut back circulation to once a month. Publicity will look into using Encore for publicity; it is a weekend supplement that comes out on Thursday to showcase weekend events.

Newsletter: (Joelle Mancini) The newsletter is planning on publishing the donor list for Trivia Night & the Student Art show, upcoming trips, hot books and a Friends membership plug.

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

Hospitality: (Paula Schmida) No update.

Trips: (Jane Cosmo/ Jan Madigan) The committee would like to plan a midweek trip to Newport RI in late May/ June. Also, Paula Schmida is going to research best plans for a decent lead tour of the Currier Museum for the Shakespeare exhibit.

Holiday Book Sale: (Liz Larson) Holiday Book sale brought in around \$300.

Trivia Night: (Stephanie Tannariello/ Liz Larson) All of the team tables have been sold out and currently the committee is seeking approval for 3 more tables. The committee is busy finalizing raffle tickets, donated raffle prizes and questions for the event. Committees, structure, time-line, etc., are all in the final stages of planning. Publicity, Hampshire Hills and donations are all going great. The committee chairs are excited that the event is expected to be fabulous and prosperous.

Student Art Show: (Christine Faris) Committee is excited that Gwen Sliger is going to shadow Christine this year and take over the Student Art Show for the 2017 season. All aspects are coming together. The invitation has a fantastic colorful cover piece. Monday May 9 is start of the event which ends May 31st. The reception is schedule from 2:00-4:00 on Sunday May 15th.

Meeting closed at 2:00

Next two meetings scheduled:

Tuesday March 15th at 7 PM & Tuesday April 19th at 1 PM

Recording Secretary

Shelley Quinn