

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2016

Attendees: Stephanie Tannariello , Cheryl Forster , Shelley Quinn, Lisa Walker, Jane Cosmo, Charlene Carper, Christine Farris , Amy Lapointe , Gwen Sliger, Nancy Spears, Mary Kate Engel, Jean Treadwell, Zola Brown, Liz Larson

Chair's Report: (Cheryl Forster) Chair called meeting to order at 7:02pm and thanked everyone for their attendance. Chair reported how pleased she was that the Friends again received more positive exposure during the PI library event. The Pie Guy sold us pies at wholesale price for the event arranged by the Friends. The BOD went around the table and introduced themselves and their position to new members.

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

Treasurer Report: (Michele Burke) Opening balance: \$26,356.46 income \$2,011 (\$816 Trivia Night, \$477 online Jan/ Feb book sales, & \$390 student art), expenses \$1,157 (Trivia Night cash box \$400, Concerts at 4 \$382, bus deposit \$350) for an ending balance of \$27,210.82.

Correspondence: (Jean Treadwell) A dish garden was sent to Jane Cosmo with our heart felt condolences on the passing of her husband.

Trustee/ Library Director Report: (Amy Lapointe) Library Director reported the Library will have a naming contest to rename the "Archives Room" since the name is no longer applicable. The Library Director also put in a request for Friends to help fund the \$15K library reorganization project (add seating, reconfigure nonfiction stacks, add display cabinet). The Friends would like to assist, however would like to reassess budgetary needs and commitments before deciding on an amount to donate towards the reorganization.

Committee Reports:

Membership: (Lisa Walker) Currently at 117 members. Membership committee will have a table in efforts to recruit members at Trivia Night. All those who join at Trivia Night will receive 5 raffle tickets and Membership will try and have membership cards available to hand out.

Professional Art Display: (Sharon April) Discussion about the need for art display guidelines available to the general public. A copy of guidelines give to participating artist was given to Amy.

Display Case: (Zola Brown) April will have Marti Warren's bird collection. June is still open, but ideas generated included nature trails, parks or children's summer program. July will be the Historical Society and August is still open but working on a few ideas.

Publicity: (Andrea Maier) Publicity has posted thank you notes for Trivia Night sponsors. Publicity will post social media posts leading up to the night to create excitement. No current update on using Encore for publicity (it is a weekend supplement that comes out on Thursday to showcase weekend events)

Newsletter: (Joelle Mancini) All agree the recent newsletter was a success.

On-Line Book Selling: (Cheryl Forster) Recorded Book sales for Jan/Feb was \$477.

Hospitality: (Paula Schmida) No update.

Trips: (Jane Cosmo/ Jan Madigan) A bus has been reserved for the upcoming RI trip, Rough Point, former home of Doris Duke on June 14th. The cost will be \$65 which covers all cost except lunch. The timing will be from 7:30-5:30 on the 14th. It is recommended that participants bring a sack lunch. Individuals can sign up at the library front desk, but since money is involved, the Library's assistance in managing the trip will be limited. The committee would like to organize a trip on April 16th to the Currier for Shakespeare's Folio work. The admission is free before noon on Saturday. The plan would be to have individuals meet at 10:00 am for a docent lead tour (\$160 includes admission). Since the Friends would pay the docent fee (no bus required) the cost would be free to the public and thus the library could actively assist via library insight with the interested signups. A docent tour can be canceled a week in advance if there was not enough interest. Hopefully some good publicity around both trips would make them successful.

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

July 4th: (Stephanie Tannariello) Deadline to submit application to the town for a booth is in June. Currently looking for volunteers to organize and be present for the book sale.

Trivia Night: (Stephanie Tannariello/ Liz Larson) Looking for volunteers to set up for the event at 10:00am at Hampshire Hills. The committee would like volunteers to be at event by 4:30 dressed in black and white. All the tables are full and the event is expecting 180 participants. There will be a very strict no cell phone policy during the trivia rounds. The rules for the event will be policed by volunteers. The committee is very excited and looks forward to a successful event!

Student Art Show: (Christine Farris). All aspects are coming together. The art work is planned to be framed at the end of the month of May. In June the artwork will be delivered to businesses that sponsored artwork, July will include an artist reception and the artwork will be returned to the children in August. The need to revisit the library "rules" on how artwork is shown and selected for the Student and Professional artist was discussed. It was suggested a voluntary committee meet to discuss appropriate guidelines to protect the library and to provide clarity for interested artist. Cheryl will initiate a meeting to include Amy, Sharon, Christine and Gwen to discuss the topic further

Meeting closed at 8:08

Next two meetings scheduled:
Tuesday April 19th at 1 PM and Tuesday May 17th at 7PM

Recording Secretary

Shelley Quinn

