

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2015

Liz Larson called The Friends of the Library meeting to order at 1:05pm.

Attendees: Ruslyn Vear, Christine Farris, Sally Harrington, Chris Shaver, Jane Cosmo, Nancy Spears, Liz Larson, Cheryl Forster, Charlene Carper, Joelle Mancini, Jean Treadwell, Kim Ayers, Stephanie Tannariello

Secretary's Report: March 2015 minutes approved.

Chair Report: Liz Larson began the meeting with a thank you to Christine for another successful Trivia Night: \$2,046.86 net income.

Nominating Committee met and will contact the current board members to review positions for next year

Budget Committee also met and Charlene will be sending the board a proposed budget to be reviewed by next month and voted on by the board

Starting an evening meeting every other month was discussed. Still to be the 3rd Tuesday of the month and at 7pm.

Ruslyn Vear is filing in for Amy at the Friends meeting while Amy Lapointe is on maternity leave.

Cynthia David donated a painting of the Brick School. Possibility of auctioning off at next years Trivia Night.

Library Director's Report: Ruslyn Vear is acting as Amy Lapointe at the Friends meetings while she is on her maternity leave and is happy to announce Amy's daughter, Virginia Ruth Lapointe has arrived and all is well. Congratulations Amy and Family.

Please welcome new library assistant, Becky Bolin.

A new research assistant will be start on May 11th. Ms Martina was a previous library page and will be doing her 120 hr internship for college with the library. One of the projects she will be starting is getting the large amount of library and NH history from the archives organized with a full inventory.

The library is gearing up for April vacation. A flyer is out and a lot of fun things are planned for the children during the week.

The Summer reading children's program, "Every Hero Has a Story," will begin June 15th and end August 6th. Teen theme is "Unmask" and Adult theme is "Minds Wide Awake."

There has been a huge interest in the 3D Printer Programs thanks to Kim Ayers wonderful leadership. There has been 3 workshops and 6-7 people trained. Kim would like to do a demo for the Friends next month.

Ruslyn thanked the Friends for the concert series funding which have been a huge success. Due to the snow storm, the Boston Sax Quintet is still to perform on April 26th and 140 people are signed up to attend.

Ruslyn would like to do a new innovative 3 part series this winter, "Get through a great read with a great professor." Exploring a more "difficult to get through" book and pairing it with hot soup or something of that nature.

The library is still finalizing gift ideas for the Friends.

The America Library Association newsletter/magazine (available for download on their website) put out their current issue featuring the state of American libraries, and libraries as community anchors. Also interesting in this issue is a list of the top 10 most challenging books to get through (challenging for various reason ie: controversial subjects, difficult grammar etc).

Treasurer's Report: Charlene Carper presented the current budget as follows:

Opening Balance:\$19456.72, Total Income: \$3632.51, Total Expenses: \$2773.13 and Ending Balance: \$20316.10

By the end of the year additional expenses of approximately \$7,600 will come out of the budget. \$5,000 of that is the gift to the library.

A proposed budget will be sent via email to the board to review and vote on at next month's May meeting. Pulled from this budget are some major numbers that were different than proposed including: Fall Book Sale, Trivia Night, Christmas Book Sale, Concert budget, museum pass increase, proposed newsletter cost etc.

The Budget Committee met and would like to take an additional \$6,000-\$7,000 out of our budget and give a gift to the library directly from the Friends. Some ideas were more furniture, additional garden seating, updated book cart to be more visible for people to be drawn to buy the used books, and the preservation of more valuable archived books for the future.

Correspondent's Report: Jean Treadwell did not have any correspondence. However, our thank you note to Boeing was returned with an incorrect address which will need to be re-mailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trivia Night: Christine Farris reported that 160 people showed up to this years Trivia Night, including spectators, making it a great success. The winners for the evening were "Simple Minds" who also won the 1st year. They donated half of their winnings, \$80, back to the Friends of the Library.

Christine sent out a survey to team captains to gain feedback from the night. Questions varied from food to day of the week to service. Overall feedback was positive. Teams wanted more questions about sports, geography etc. Next year the questions will be broken into 8 categories. Food was good but hopefully next yeat Hamphsire Hills will add a couple of servers or a cocktail waitress. Kitchen was also very busy at one point because people waited too long to order. Next year the time frame will have to be very clear: check in at 5:30 and order as soon as possible.

There was an issue with cell phone use at tables. Next year phones will have to be turned to vibrate and moved off tables until end of rounds. If there is a violation, points will be deducted that round.

Student Art Show: Christine may have to use back up money depending on how much Casual Cat charges for framing, as we are still missing a few donations. The Friends have been asked to reach out to local business owners who they have personal relationships with as Christine would like all donation money by April 29th.

The date of the Art Show falling on Mother's Day has raised some issue and the Friends voted to move the Art Show to the weekend after Mother's Day next year.

Christine will be bringing food for Art Show jurors from Black Forest Cafe during jurying day. Has received donations for day of from Hannaford, Shaws and Target.

1 more juror is needed

4th of July Book Sale: Stephanie Tannariello will take the lead of a small book sale during the 4th of July festivities. Similar to the Christmas Book Sale with theme baskets, maybe baked goods. Would be good to have some sort of a presence at the event.

Newsletter: Joelle would like to put out a newsletter the week after the Art Show in May to include thank yous to Trivia Night and Art Show donors. Also to be included are open board positions, June 7th Garden Party reminder, display case features, professional artists, 3D printing, 4th of July Book Sale and Fall Book Sale dates, Summer Reading Programs, Summer art exhibit at SAU, challenging book lists from the ALA instead of the Hot Reads we usually feature, reminder of membership dues and also a note mentioning that we would like to go green and send the newsletter to your email.

Please contact Joelle as soon as possible with anything that you would like to include.

On-Line Book Sales: Cheryl Forster has brought in about \$250 in online book sales this month. \$1500-\$1700 this year, Reminder that text books in good condition and are no older than 5-7 years old are able to be sold (discarded text books will be boxed and are worth about \$30 per box).

Cheryl was also looking into buying a book scanner.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16pm

Respectfully submitted

Stephanie Tannariello