

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2015

Liz Larson called The Friends of the Library meeting to order at 1:07pm.

Attendees: Jan Madigan, Ruslyn Vear, Christine Farris, Sally Harrington, Chris Shaver, Lisa Walker, Jane Cosmo, Liz Larson, Sharron, April, Cheryl Forster, Chalene Carper, Joelle Mancini, Jean Treadwell, Kim Ayers, Stephanie Tannariello

Secretary's Report: April 2015 minutes approved.

Chair Report: Liz Larson began the meeting with an update on the Garden Party on June 7th. An electronic invitation will be sent to the Friends of the Library, sponsors, town employees, etc. This invitation will be able to be forwarded by the Friends. The event will begin at 4pm on Sunday, June 7th and last for one hour. Light finger food and dessert will be served. A food sign up sheet was passed around.

June's professional artist will also have her artwork up during the garden party where this will act as a time to showcase her work. She was unable to have an artist reception.

The Nominating Committee finalized the 2015-2016 board. Recording Secretary and Treasurer are currently open but there are some promising prospects to fill these spots. Welcome Lisa Walker as the Friend's new membership chair.

Library Director's Report: Ruslyn Vear is still filling in for Amy Lapointe during the Friends meeting. She thanked the Friends for the Student Art Show.

Summer research assistant, Jane Martina, started her 120 hr internship for Colby Sawyer College on May 11th. Her full inventory of historical town and library archives is well under way. She will be posting an interesting historical artifact on Facebook every Friday, "Friday Finds." Ruslyn and Jane will be attending an archives boot camp this summer.

The Summer reading children's program, "Every Hero Has a Story," will begin June 15th and end August 7th. Jugglers, a pet show, crafts and more will be featured. Miss Sue and Miss Sarah may even find themselves wrestling a super hero at the end of the session.

Teen theme is "Unmasked." Nail art, smoothie bar, t-shirt colages and more will be a part of the afternoon and evening programs.

The Adult theme is "Minds Wide Awake." Simple steps to mindfulness, a night of strings (a fiddle and banjo player), a photo journalist, a solo, light gear hiker and Liz Barbour with a Mindful Eating program will be a part of this summer evening program.

There will be a system update on May 28th. The website/catalog may not be working during this time.

Treasurer's Report: The 2015-2016 proposed budget was voted on and approved.

The Friends will give the library a \$5K gift for the 2014-2105 fiscal year. An additional \$5K gift was approved and will be deferred until next year pending the return of Amy Lapointe and trustee approval of gift. Sarah Leonardi would like to redo the coffee station upstairs as well as get a permanent book cart and a flat screen monitor for the archives room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Art Show: Congratulations to Christine Farris for another successful library event.

There was a drop in attendance from last year, 740 from 950. This may be in part to the 5th and 6th grades not being properly represented as the art teacher was on leave and Christine was not made aware of this. 9 out of the 15 children receiving awards were able to attend.

Only 3 issues during the show; these 3 children were given Cold Stone Creamery gift certificates as an apology. One piece did not make it to the art show, an 8th grade boy could not find his artwork on day of show and a 2nd grade girl was mistaken that she had won an award when she did not.

Next year's reception will be on May 15th so as not to conflict with Mother's Day. Intake will be on May 11th, hanging on 12th and jury on Friday the 13th.

Possibility of next year's show to be completely funded by the Friends; approximately \$1100 for framing. Otherwise, new businesses will be approached for sponsorship.

4th of July Book Sale: Stephanie Tannariello and Kim Ayers will combine a 4th of July Book Sale and a 3D printing demo to be held under a tent on the green during the 4th of July parade. Kim would like a banner to be made to hang on the table under the tent. If library decides to do a float, Friends Book sale banner will be carried to promote the September sale. Summer themed books for baskets will be needed.

The Student Art Show winners work will be up in the SAU during the 4th of July festivities.

Professional Art Display: Sharron April has artists all set through the summer and is starting to speak to artists for the fall. This summer will include: larger than life oil paintings and SAU39 faculty art work.

Sharron has been getting a great response from the professional artist jurors from the art show. Was pleased with their background in education.

Newsletter: Joelle is putting the newsletter out the last week of May. Will feature all information on summer programs, the garden party, 4th of July Book Sale and 3D printing demo, September book sale date, new board members, art show winners display in SAU, display case, membership renewal.

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 \$375 in online book sales during the last 2 months.

Additional Business:

June meeting will possibly be a luncheon at Liz Larson's house; she will email with further information.

Next year will start the trial of every other month's meeting being in the evening. First meeting of the 2015-2016 year will be September 15th at 1pm per usual.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08pm

Respectfully submitted

Stephanie Tannariello