

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2016

Attendees: Cheryl Forster , Shelley Quinn, Jane Cosmo, Christine Farris , Amy Lapointe, Michele Burke, Liz Larson, Zola Brown, Paula Schmida, Allison Truslow, Gwen Sliger, Kim Ayers, Stephanie Tannariello, Lisa Walker, Andrea Maier, Gretchen Pyles, Nancy Head, Charlene Carper, Susan Deschenes

Chair's Report: (Cheryl Forster) Chair called meeting to order at 1:30 pm and thanked everyone for their attendance and Liz Larson for hosting the event. The Chair reported that the 2016-2017 Friend's of the Library annual budget was reviewed and approved at the last meeting. The Chair provided copies of the final budget for those interested in obtaining a copy.

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

Treasurer Report: (Michele Burke) Opening balance: \$26,671.63 income \$1,953.65 (\$1,475 trip, \$410 online book sales (May/ June,) \$50 donation, \$17 Amazon smile), expenses \$2,507.53 (\$1,561 Student Art show, \$486 trip, \$200 museum passes, \$190 book sale, \$71 newsletter) for an ending balance of \$26,117.75. Treasurer prepared and made available a month by month treasury report for all interested parties.

Correspondence: (Jean Treadwell) A thank you note was sent to Ann Logan for a \$50 donation and an edible arrangement will be sent to Vick Benison as he recovers from his hip replacement surgery.

Trustee/ Library Director Report: (Amy Lapointe) The Library Director reported that the summer reading program started yesterday. The program, "On Your Mark, Get Set Read" has been organized to appeal to all ages and encourage reading opportunities throughout the summer. The Director brought an "all in one" brochure that highlights the details of the summer events. The Library Board recently commented on the high quality and diversity of assistance (financial and volunteer efforts) that the Amherst Friends of the Library provides to the Library.

Committee Reports:

Membership: (Pam Macdonald & Lisa Walker) Membership cards will be extended throughout the summer until September timeframe. Membership is at 134.

Professional Art Display: (Sharon April) Susan Deschenes has joined the board as the Art Publicity board member. She will work in connection with Sharon to better publicize the professional art displays at the library.

Display Case: (Zola Brown) The display case in July will feature the Historical Society and the Girls Scouts will hopefully be planned for August, but is still unscheduled at present time.

Publicity: (Andrea Maier) Publicity for the September book sale will start shortly.

Newsletter: (Andrea Maier) Andrea is taking over the position for the next fiscal year. Next newsletter is scheduled to go out in October.

Hospitality: (Paula Schmida) Committee is rethinking historic hospitality events and possibly only “hosting” Library events.

On-Line Book Selling: (Cheryl Forster) It takes a great deal of time to organize and sell books via Amazon and to book sellers. This year on-line sales generated over \$3,100 of income for the Friends of the Library. The on-line venue has produced such a successful outcome that there is some discussion of whether it might be a good idea to move some “merchandise” reserved for the annual September book sale to the on-line merchandise for sale.

Trips: (Jane Cosmo/ Jan Madigan) Jane reported the Rough Point trip was wonderful and financially the trip almost broken even. The bus driver, bus and weather were all fantastic and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

July 4th Book sale: (Stephanie Tannariello) The book sale in July has been canceled since no one is available to man the booth.

September Book Sale: (Gretchen Pyles) Scheduled for Saturday, September 17th at the Congregational Church.

Trivia Night: (Stephanie Tannariello/ Liz Larson) No update

Student Art Show: (Christine Farris). The Student Art Show reiterated the highlights of the event. Approximately 750 attended the show and received a few positive comments that the show was not on Mother’s Day weekend this year. SAU helped this year to follow up on all non RSVP responses to the written invitations. Art Work is currently on display at local businesses. There will be a reception on June 30th for the students that won awards. The Black Forest donated the cookies for the event.

Nominating Committee: (Liz Larson) The Nominating Committee presented a copy of the new board for the next fiscal year 2016-2017. A motion was made and approved to accept the new board. All members introduced themselves and their roles past and present.

Meeting closed at 2:07

No meetings in July or August

Next meetings:

Sept 20, at 1pm, Oct 18, at 1pm

Recording Secretary

Shelley Quinn