FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2019
Allison Truslow called The Friends of the Library meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Attendees: Jane Pollio, Shelley Quinn, Amy Lapointe, Michele Burke, Nancy Spears, Diane Bonenfant, Zola Brown, Andrea Maier, Sally Harrington

Secretary’s Report: March 2019 minutes approved.

Chair Report: Stephanie Tannariello

- **Trivia Night** – The night was fun and very rowdy. The 50/50 raffle was not donated back to the FOTATL. Servers were very slow so food and drinks took a long time. There was a suggestion to ask for 1 or 2 more bartenders for next year, since the backlog for the bartenders seemed to slow service down. It was also suggested that for next year, the Friends request a percentage of what Hampshire Hills makes. This might be sensitive since they donate the use of the facility, but even if it was 1 or 2% back on the earnings for the night would be helpful. Majority thought was that it can’t hurt to ask. It was suggested that balloons be brought back, even if it is for decoration. The balloons are more attractive and intriguing. Feedback from the evening was that the questions were better this year, and there were questions that were well rounded for everyone. Amy requested that net year there be some book-based questions.

- **Book Club** – The book club will be the 3rd Thursday of every month. The next book club meeting is scheduled for 4/18 at Stephanie’s house (6 Boyleston Terrace). The book is Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. For May, during the Student Art Show, something short will be selected. Ideas were a cookbook, article, short story, Ted Talk. The book club is a good way to hopefully get members at large and board members. Tina will send out a reminder about the book club meeting on 4/18.

- **Review of Board of Directors 2019-2020** – Still in need of Hospitality Chair, VP, and Art Show Chair

- **Upcoming Programming Support** – Sunday, April 28 there is a concert in need of support. Steph will send out an online sign-up.

- **Student Art Show** –
  o Art to be picked up on Wednesday, May 2 (Steph will do Clark, Diane will do Wilkins, Michele will do AMS and SHS, Shelley will do Mont Vernon). Archives room is booked for art storage for the whole day on Wednesday and Thursday. Teachers tape with the artist name, title of work and grade, needs to be added to the back of all the artwork on Thursday and art will be hung on Friday. Sign-up genius will go out for volunteers to put tape on the artwork. Allison said she would check the tape supply.
  o Amy mentioned that there is nothing on the ATL calendar noting when the display will be taken down. There is a professional artist reception on 6/2 (which means the art goes up before then) so student art show has to be taken down before then, and time blocked for the archives or Johnson room is art storage is needed.
  o Certificates need to be printed. Is Cheryl Forster doing this?
  o It was brought to Amy’s attention that the invitations sent to elementary students were very small (easily lost). It was suggested that the invitations are made larger for that age group next year.

- **Spring Membership Luncheon** – details will be forthcoming

Treasurer’s Report: Michele Burke reported:

Opening Balance: $31,237.44

Income: $456.21

- Membership $25, Book cart $134, Tote Bag $20, Trivia Night $4,070; Online Book Sales $63.98; Other donation $2; Interest (Mar) $1.23

Expenses: $598.74

- Gift to Library (Lectern for downstairs) $598.74
- Ending Balance: $33,094.91**
  ** Cash to be used for: Gifts to the library, Remaining for FYE 6/30/18 $3,416; Additional gifts FYE 6/30/19 $5,000
- **Additional Expenses to be paid per budget FYE 6/30/19: Museum passes $1,560, Library concerts $900, Other $3,954
- Michele wants a Budget Committee meeting. She sent a sign-up sheet around. Date and location is TBD

**Library Director's Report:** Amy Lapointe
- Advertising for new pages to fill spots vacated by graduating SHS seniors. Interested high school students should be 16 years old by June, 2019.
- Jane Pollio is back to work
- Upcoming programs:
  - 4/16 – Travel Photography with Amy Camera
  - 4/17 – An Evening with Walt Whitman
  - 4/18 – In My Back Pocket, a book-making and writing workshop
  - 4/28 – Celebrating Duke Ellington
  - 5/1 – National Parks of the East Coast
  - 5/15 – Adding Years to your Life and Life to your Years
- School vacation week – shadow puppet show, movie matinee, LEGO my library, tech time for kids
- New student volunteers helping with Minecraft
- Planning for summer: A Universe of Stories
- **Town:** 4/29 – Quarterly report to BOS; Open positions: Finance Director and Community Development Director

**Correspondent's Report:** (Diane Bonenfant) No updates

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- **Membership:** (Lisa Walker/Pam MacDonald) No new members
- **Professional Art Display:** (Sharron April/Liz Larson) Artist set for June
- **Display Case:** (Zola Brown) Need June, Zola has a friend who makes very interesting soaps, so she may do a soap making display. Need October. November and December are set.
- **Publicity/Website:** (Jane Martina) Jane will be sending out a thank you for Trivia Night in the Amherst Citizen
- **Newsletter:** (Andrea Maier) Next newsletter is set for June. Deadline is May 20. If anyone has anything unique to add, please let her know. She will add a thank you for Trivia Night and the Student Art Show. She will review addition that the Friends have supported over the last five years. It was suggested to have a poster board at events that highlight that the Friends of the ATL is the fundraising arm for the library and spotlight what we have done for the library over the years. (benefits to the library – concerts, museum passes, sound system, café, etc)
- **On-Line Book Selling:** (Cheryl Forster ) No update.
- **Book Club:** (Tina Hamilton) Book club will be 3rd Thursday of each month. Next meeting is 4/18 at Stephanie’s house. The Little Fires by Celeste Ng is April. May book is TBD.
- **Book Sale:** (Shelley Quinn) Shelley would like to meet as a team to make some changes to the book sale and finalize by the June meeting. Discovery Books has bought out most of Good Hearted bins. Hopefully they will pick up from us, if not we will get a bin. The Bennisons want to be part of the Friday nights. New storage unit effective May 1.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm
Respectfully submitted: Jane Pollio