FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2019
Steph Tannariello called The Friends of the Library meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

Attendees: Steph Tannariello, Jane Pollio, Shelley Quinn, Amy Lapointe, Michele Burke, Andrea Maier, Laura Ilsley, Diane Bonenfant, Liz Larson, Allison Truslow, Nancy Head, Kim Casey, Cheryl Forster

Secretary’s Report: March 2019 minutes approved.

Chair Report: Stephanie Tannariello

- **Student Art Show Recap** – The student art show was good. It was well attended. We need more hands next year, probably 6 total. We need 2 hospitality, 2 at door and 1 person to direct and 1 person downstairs. We need a person to take it over. 143 student ribbons were given out. The door count for the day was 600+, it is usually 900 to 1000. The new door counter is counting 40% less. Take down will be on 5/31 and get the art back to the schools that day. Ideally the people who picked up can return and coordinate with the teachers. We can start at 9:30am and start staging. We will officially meet at 10:15. It takes about 2 hours.

- **Book Club** – The book club will be the 3rd Thursday of every month. The next book club meeting is scheduled for 4/23 at Tina Hamilton’s house at 7pm. The book is The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. It’s a quick read and takes only a few hours.

- **Review of Board of Directors 2019-2020** – A nominating committee needs to be created. If you know of anyone who wants to join, let Stephanie know before the next (6/18) meeting (Still in need of Hospitality Chair, VP, and Art Show Chair)

- **Spring Membership Luncheon** – Allison Truslow to host. She will decide on a date and communicate. Most likely it would be after school. It’s fine for kids to come.

Treasurer’s Report: Michele Burke reported:

Opening Balance: $33,094.91

Income: $122.40
- Book cart $121, Interest (Apr) $1.4-

Expenses: $2,790.72
- Book sale (deposit and add’l storage) $250, Trivia Night $75, Museum passes $1,795, Concerts at 4 $600, Art Show $70.72

- Ending Balance: $30,426.59**
  **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: $1,805

Budget Meeting Recap:
- If you donate items, let Michele know. (e.g. concert series, people spend but don’t get reimbursed)
- Amy proposed increasing Summer Children’s programming from $600 to $1,000 and Children’s Room supplies from $200 to $250. Motion was approved.
- Liz proposed upgrading the Children’s Room bathroom with new toilet, sink, mirror; removing counter, upgrading flooring to Pergo, adding in a diaper station and painting a mural. Motion was approved using anticipated $2,500 from the FYE 6/18 carryover.

Library Director’s Report: Amy Lapointe
- Page interviews have begun. There were 12 applicants and 7 of those are being interviewed. There are 4 graduating senior spots to fill.
- Toni Dinkel is back to work after her knee replacement.
- Upcoming programs:
5/22 – Ghost: My 30 years as an undercover FBI agent
5/30 – Lyceum with Chris Brooks and SHS students. Please encourage sign-ups. Not that many people are signed up at the moment.
6/12 – Tony Conigliaro and Hero Worship in Baseball (“Tony C” was hit in the face and after that injury, and was instrumental in improving helmet safety requirements for baseball players)
- The library will be adding a “hot books” collection. It is for brand new material (including DVDs). These items will not be able to be requested, so no holds permitted. The items will circulate for one week. The “hot book” collection will begin mid-June, just in time for the summer.
- Amy discussed the July 4th parade and carrying balloons to promote the summer reading theme: A Universe of Stories

Correspondent's Report: (Diane Bonenfant) No updates

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Membership: (Lisa Walker/Pam MacDonald) No new members. The membership list needs to be updated in Google docs.

Professional Art Display: (Sharron April/Liz Larson) Artist set for June. Sharron is back for June.

Display Case: (Zola Brown) All set

Publicity/Website: (Jane Martina) - Jane will be focusing on more social media (FB, IG) posts and publishing on the Amherst Library website.

Newsletter: (Andrea Maier) Next newsletter is set for June 11. Deadline is May 27. If anyone has anything unique to add, please let her know asap. 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. (benefits to the library – concerts, museum passes, sound system, café, etc). She will also add in information about the book sale and representing the library in the July 4th parade.

On-Line Book Selling: (Cheryl Forster) No update.

Book Club: (Tina Hamilton) Book club will be 3rd Thursday of each month. Next meeting is 4/23 at Tina’s house. She will discuss the upcoming book list for the next several months at the meeting.

Book Sale: (Shelley Quinn) Instead of a book sale on the town green during July 4th festivities, there will be a summer reads paperback sale upstairs in the library. The main book sale fundraiser in September will have doors open on Friday the 20th at 4:30 (with a member preview the first hour). There is a need for more volunteers. Shelley will send out a Sign-Up Genius looking for cashiers and helpers. This is a good opportunity for high school community service hours for students to help move heavy things and help people buying books get the books to their cars. Shelley has over 100 spots to fill.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm
Respectfully submitted: Jane Pollio