

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday March 4, 2020

Present: Nancy Axelson, Susi Burke, Donna Onacki, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, Sheila Tanguay, Barbara Tosiano, Judy Wilson

Discussed:

1. February Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurers report
 - a. \$20,644.32
3. Museum Update
 - a. Historic New England, \$125, used pretty well this past year. Speaker coming in May so that will probably generate interest. Approved.
4. Upcoming Program Updates
 - a. Songs of Emigration, Irish
 - i. Wed, March 25th 6:30th
 - ii. Looks like it could be a large crowd
 - iii. Refreshments: Barbara, Jane and Deborah
 - b. Sarah Atkinson
 - i. April 9th
 - ii. Friends event – question about payment, \$100 plus \$5 per person is not usually how we pay. Deborah will see if she will accept flat fee
 - c. Earth Day Fair
 - i. April 22, Wednesday, 5-7
 - ii. 11 presenters
5. Friends Stationary
 - a. Susi brought in 10 more
6. Authors Programs
 - a. Jane Healy – Saturday evening girls club, Beantown Girls (WWII), has another book coming out in May.
 - i. June 11th
 - ii. May book group will do one of the books
 - iii. Payment is \$150, approved by Friends
 - iv. She will be bringing a bookseller
 - b. Author Panel, Myf Collins contact, panel discussion, Thursday in October. Barbara will send Susi some dates and Susi will reach out to Myf
7. Trustee updates (Judy Wilson)
 - a. Seabrook Park update
 - i. Purchased the Poker Room in Hampton Falls
 - ii. Live free and play article in paper
 - b. Libraries becoming more of a community to gather – Judy brought in article about
 - c. Library Warrant article 16, 17, 18, 19 – only one with tax impact is air conditioning
8. Future Programs
 - a. NH Bugs
 - i. Nancy will look into this for next meeting
 - b. Lobster Documentary
 - i. Judy said the guy who did documentary is willing to come down from Kittery.

- ii. \$150 honorarium
 - iii. Documentary is an hour long.
 - iv. There are 3/4 lobsterman in Hampton Falls that might be willing to come and talk after.
9. 1000 Books before Kindergarten update
 - a. Viola is first one to reach it
 - b. Several are close
 - c. Each one will be up for a week/10 days
10. New Business:
 - a. Interactive Wall Panel/Sensory Board
 - i. Currently blank wall in the back that can't put a bookshelf. Leah would like to put some kind of sensory board here.
 - ii. Leah will come back with some suggestions
 - b. Social Media
 - i. If at events or using museums/park pass, send pics to Susi and she will post on Friends page.

Action Items:

- **Nancy:** look into NH Bugs program
- **Jane:** Will research Hannaford Gives program to see if we received check
- **Deborah:** contact Sarah Atkinson about payment
- **Barbara:** Send Susi possible dates for author panel

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday April 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary