

# Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

**Date:** Wednesday September 2, 2020, via Zoom

**Present:** Susi Burke, Lisa Hayes, Donna Onacki, Deborah Regan, Jane Shanahan, Sheila Tanguay, Barbara Tosiano, Judy Wilson

## **Discussed:**

1. August Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurers report
  - a. \$20,570.32
3. Library Director Report
  - a. Summer Reading wrap-up
    - i. Had to change almost overnight to all virtual
    - ii. 54 children participated (down from 80 but good considering the situation)
    - iii. Gave out crafts and weekly Bingo sheets
    - iv. 20 winners, \$25 gift cards (for businesses that gave prizes in past)
    - v. Barbara will buy gift cards and get receipts to give to Friends to pay
  - b. Newsletter/Social Media
    - i. Using Mailchimp for new newsletter style
    - ii. Setting up email lists, cannot use Patron lists for email because privacy laws.
    - iii. Social Media Presence improved by Joanna on FB/Instagram
    - iv. Zoom meetings for Book group
  - c. Suggestions on how to disseminate information about current library services so more people are aware of the value during the pandemic.
    - i. Through town website
    - ii. Info on sign
    - iii. Personally address issues if we hear them
    - iv. Share library posts within different HF groups on Facebook
      1. Susi on Friends page
      2. Sheila and Deborah on Hampton Falls group
4. COVID-19 Update
  - a. Still emergency situation until at least Oct 1<sup>st</sup>
  - b. Open 2 days Tues/Sat
  - c. Require masks
  - d. Hand sanitizer available
  - e. Take out bags – 100/month
  - f. Interlibrary loan starting Sept 15<sup>th</sup>
  - g. No in-house programs/activities or meetings
  - h. Maybe outdoor in person Storytime for children – mixed reaction from parents. Leah is going to try it for the people who responded positively
5. Officers Introduction
  - a. Welcome to new officers voted last month
6. Museum Pass Updates
  - a. Bedrock Gardens
    - i. Motion passed unanimously to purchase \$80 pass

## 7. Fundraisers

- a. Dover Poker
  - i. This is connected with Lebanon group but new location that just opened
  - ii. Dates: October 25, 29,30,31, November 1,5,6,7,8,12, 2020.
  - iii. Everyone needs to get info to Alisha for addresses, emails and phone numbers
  - iv. Will do schedules at next meeting
- b. Seabrook
  - i. No correspondence from Geri
  - ii. Looks like maybe it is gearing back up? But they will probably need to honor commitments not fulfilled this year.

## 8. Upcoming Virtual Options

- a. Lobster documentary – “Claws and Tales – the Ups and Downs of Lobstering in Kittery and Kittery Point, Maine”
  - i. View at your convenience on [Youtube](#)
  - ii. Jim White, a noted film maker from Kittery Point, has created a fascinating documentary on the lives of Maine lobstermen, their challenges and rewards
  - iii. \$150 Honorarium voted on unanimously
- b. Lobster Q&A.
  - i. Thursday, October 15, 6:30 p.m
  - ii. Marine Biologist Joshua Carloni of New Hampshire Fish and Game and Jim White
  - iii. Learn about those tasty lobsters, their biology, ecology, marketing and harvesting. their respect for the sea and its creatures, and their future as an aging work force.
- c. Art History in Pop Culture
  - i. Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30 pm.
  - ii. Art historian Adrienne Lee Join
  - iii. A rollicking look at traditional fine art as it appears in Pop Art, advertising and memes. Adrienne is an art historian, writer and artist dedicated to making art accessible to as many people as possible. She has lectured on Frida Kahlo, Vincent Van Gogh, the contributions of women artists and black artists, and the impact of Modern Art. Adrienne hails from Orlando, FL and comes to us via [Zoom](#)
  - iv. \$100 honorarium
- d. Holiday Pies- Sweet and Savory
  - i. Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.
  - ii. NH Chef, Cookbook Author and Gardener Liz Barbour of The Creative Feast
  - iii. \$250 honorarium
  - iv. Just in time for the holidays! Liz will prepare and demonstrate two pies, one sweet and one savory. Sit back and relax while Liz prepares and presents these exciting dishes for you. Register in advance for this [Zoom Webinar](#).
- e. “The Spirit of Christmas Past: Four Centuries of Christmas in New England”
  - i. Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m.
  - ii. Kenneth Turino, Manager of Community Patronships and Resource Development, Historic New England
  - iii. Kenneth will guide us through the development of the celebration of Christmas from the time it was outlawed in 17th Century New England through the beginning of the 21st Century when all the trappings of a traditional Christmas were in place. Join via [Zoom](#)

## 9. Additional Programming Options

- a. YA Authors
  - i. Waiting to hear back from Myf Collins. Maybe schedule for November

- b. Book called Black Portsmouth, Maybe get author in for discussion
- c. Black Heritage Trail was very expensive (\$500 - \$5000). They have not pivoted to virtual yet and programs not quite fleshed out. Donna will find out what they are doing for Portsmouth library

10. Building Membership/Participation Ideas

- a. Put something out on Facebook mentioning programming, museum passes etc. Our work hasn't stopped because of COVID.
- b. Love new ideas and new members
- c. Got an idea for program or know good speaker? Present it to Friends

**Action Items:**

- Susi: posts on FB group on Friends and library services
- Deborah/Shelia: posts on Hampton Falls group on library services
- Donna: researching more on Black Heritage trail program at Portsmouth library
- Donna: Purchase Bedrock Gardens pass

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:00 PM

**Next meeting:** October 7, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Susi Burke, Secretary