Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday April 7, 2021, via Zoom

Present: Susi Burke, Donna Onacki, Deborah Regan, Jane Shanahan, Jean Storer, Sheila Tanguay, Barbara Tosiano, Judy Wilson

Discussed:

- 1. March Minutes Approved
- 2. Treasurers report Accepted
 - a. \$ 21,813.77 Alisha not here but sent that the balance in email. Fingerprinting check still outstanding
- 3. Library Director Report
 - a. Barbara out of town first week in May so Leah will join for Friends meeting instead
 - b. Library gifted with Frying Pan Charity grants, granted three
 - i. Tai Chi (Great Bay June 9th July 28th 9am Wednesdays, commit for length of program.
 - ii. Hoopla, movies, tv shows, music as well as audio books.
 - iii. Author visit from Sy Montgomery, Sat Nov 13th
 - c. Epping Well donated irrigation system in memory of Peter Robart
 - d. Container Gardener program is first in person program in a year. Will be held outside, May 8th Erin Synderman who is Master Gardener will run program,. Rolling Green Nursery providing soil and plants
 - e. Thinking of having children's book sale at end of August picture books through YA
 - f. Still quarantining books
 - g. Same hours currently, three days week.
 - h. Summer Reading Planning for summer based on conditions now, outside programs if possible. Borrow tents from town and people bring own lawn chairs. Also possibly using safety complex

4. Museum Pass Updates

- a. Make decisions on indoor museums in June
 - i. Gardner \$195
 - ii. Portland Museum of Art \$250
- b. Bedrock Gardens Family Membership \$80, admits 4, Opens May 12th, Approved
- c. State Park Passes are available now. Approved up to \$150 for this in March.
- d. Fuller Gardens, \$100 family pass, approved up to \$100 if family pass is valid for library, otherwise will revisit next meeting
- 5. Fundraisers
 - a. Hannafords Bag Program
 - i. Got check for \$68
- 6. Subscriptions/Streaming Service
 - a. Overdrive still not ready, Hoopla in mid May? Donna will look into this.
- 7. Completed Programs
 - a. The Christianization of Ireland, March 16th, Sean Murphy
 - i. 42 attendees, including one from Ontario
- 8. Upcoming Virtual Options
 - a. Paul Revere, The Man, The Myth
 - i. April 8th, Thursday, 6:30
 - ii. Historic New England
 - iii. Michael Maler, Robert Shimp, Director of Paul Revere house
 - iv. \$200 sponsored by Friends (approved)

- v. 40 signed up so far
- b. Ideas
 - i. Sea Shanty
 - 1. Jerry Bryant of Amherst, MA
 - 2. You can find him on YouTube, Sea Chanteys, Spanish Ladies, His website is: https://jerrybryantsings.com/
 - 3. 45-50 minute presentation, singing and history and then Q&A
 - 4. Approved \$150 in March
 - 5. May 13th, has not been publicized yet
 - ii. Medicare 101, Barbara has North Hampton connection and contact with AARP; maybe 3 part for Seniors in Sept/Oct possibly in person.
 - iii. Myf and YA author circle. Plan for fall, in person if possible. Susi will connect Myf and Barbara
 - iv. Tai Chi
 - 1. June 9th July 28th
 - 2. Great Bay Tai Chi
 - 3. Sponsored by Frying Pan Lane Charity (see above)
 - v. Container Gardening
 - 1. May 8th
 - 2. Rolling Green Nursery providing soil and plants ; attendees bring containers
- c. Little Free Library
 - i. Judy researched cost \$300-400 for a kit, with tamper proof glass, would need to add pole.
 - ii. Proposed starting with one, with possible location at Governor Weare Park, additional ones if successful at library and Meadows apartments on Brown Road.
 - iii. Judy will contact town Parks and Rec Department about placing it at Gov Weare Park.
 - iv. Library could donate books. More detail at May meeting.

Action Items:

- Susi: Connect Barbara and Myf
 - Judy: contact town Parks and Rec Dept about placing Little Free Library at Gov Weare Park

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Meeting adjourned: 7:30 PM

Next meeting: May 5, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susi Burke, Secretary and Deborah Regan