

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday April 6, 2022, in person and remote

Present: Nancy Axelson, Susi Burke, Amy Dorgan, Donna Onacki, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Sheila Tanguay, Barbara Tosiano, Judy Wilson; online: Jean Storer

Discussed:

1. March Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurer's report
 - a. Balance of \$20,110.01 after all checks clear.
 - b. Dover Poker Room will be giving the Friends a check of \$18,753.35. We will need to write a check for \$2,500 to them for rental cost.
3. Director's Report
 - a. Museum Memberships
 - i. Squam Lake Science Center – animals indigenous to NH
 1. \$300 for library memberships
 2. \$10 trail admission – up to 4 a day (normally \$22/adult, \$16/children)
 3. Approved to try for 1 year
 - ii. MFA \$200, up to 2 people \$10 admission, 70 Promo Codes
 - iii. Gardner, \$195, up to 4 adults, \$5 admission
 - iv. Portland Museum of Art, \$250, up to 2 adults free
 - v. Historic New England, \$125, adults and kids free
 - vi. Strawberry Banke, \$150, Free family tickets
 - vii. Seacoast Science Center, \$100, 50% discount on tickets
 - viii. The Fells, \$100, up to 2 people free
 - ix. ALL APPROVED
 - b. New website
 - i. Joanna transferring things from old site to new.
 - ii. Friends page will have Donate button which goes to PayPal.
 - iii. Alisha will setup the PayPal account for the Friends.
 - c. Erin is working on creating an information packet for donations/matching funds.
4. Dover Poker Room update
 - a. \$16,253.35 Net (\$18,753.35 - \$2,500 for rental fee)
 - b. Presentation will be on Monday April 18th, 4:30. Alisha and several others will attend.
5. Little Free Library
 - a. Little Free Library has been going well.
 - b. Alisha and Deborah have not received emails for signup.
6. Upcoming programs
 - a. Writing Workshop for Children
 - i. Comic Book Artist for children Marek Bennet
 - ii. May – 2 sessions, dates not finalized.
 - iii. Not determined in person or Zoom yet. Waiting for Marek to decide. Kids will be in person; he may be virtual.
 - b. Big Trees of NH
 - i. Kevin Martin
 - ii. April 21 6:30pm

- iii. His book has walking tours to the biggest trees in NH. Water Street will make sure to have his book stocked if people want to buy a copy. This program will be a good opportunity to talk about the backpacks available to check out at the library.
 - iv. It will be held on Zoom.
 - c. Adult Craft
 - i. June 4th, probably 10:30am
 - ii. Creating hummingbird feeders from wine bottles.
 - d. Summer Reading
 - i. Adult Summer Reading will be in full swing this year.
 - ii. Prizes are coming in, Old Salt, Water Country...
 - iii. Friends will fund the Grand prize, \$100 Water Street Books gift card. Approved
 - e. Writing Workshop update
 - i. [Bonnar Spring](#) from NH Writers Workshop will be running the workshop. There will be a “Meet the Author” program on April 16th at 11am so people can meet her and learn about the workshop.
 - ii. She can have her books available for sale if she chooses at the Meet the Author event.
 - iii. Need some friends to help setup room; Judy will come early to help.
 - iv. Barbara will provide tea/coffee.
 - v. Alisha, Donna and Sheila volunteered to bring cakes/cookies.
 - vi. 7 people interested in workshop, 1 from Exeter and 1 child (10 years old); maximum of 8
 - vii. Publicize both events separately on FB.
- 7. Completed Programs
 - a. Women in Irish History, March 9th
 - i. 50 people were on the Zoom call.
 - ii. 8 people requested the recording.
- 8. Ideas for ways to use funds
 - a. Possibly new chairs for kids craft room.
 - b. Board of Trustees looking at a Strategic Plan which may provide some ideas.

Action Items:

- **Alisha, Donna and Sheila:** volunteered to bring cakes/cookies to Bonnar Spring event.
- **Sheila:** resend the signup for Free Library; Alisha and Deborah not receiving the emails for this.
- **Alisha:** will get the library passes for all approved museums.
- **Alisha:** setup PayPal for the library website Donate button.
- **Susi:** Post Bonnar Spring Event to Facebook.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 PM

Next meeting: May 4, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary