

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, Board meeting on June 13, 2016 – Potluck held at Elizabeth Kassab's house

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Present: Elizabeth Kassab, Kirstin Gray, Carolyn Weeks, Mary Lou Kirkpatrick, Mary Alice Dowdell, Giselle Princz, Kate Mason, Joanne Blatte, Amity Kelley (prospective board member)

Key Tasks assigned at this meeting:

All:

Carolyn:

Ask Lee Ann to hand out our membership forms at Square Jam

Elizabeth:

Print and mail June newsletter

Giselle:

Continue to manage membership and adopt a book forms as needed
Follow up with JFK about museum pass

Joanne:

Select adopt a books as needed
Facebook and Website updates
Look into student membership options

Kate:

Provide Elizabeth with membership list for newsletter labels
Print a starburst sticker for the What We Do poster

Kirstin:

Talk to Lee Ann about helping promote Hannaford bag deal
Ask Lee Ann if she has a speaker/program idea for our annual meeting

Mary Alice motioned to accept May minutes
Carolyn seconded
Motion passed

Financial Report: Giselle

We made \$10,225.72 (last year we made \$9,400) at this year's book sale. Our best sale ever!! Kate will make a sunburst sticker highlighting our book sale success to stick on the What We Do Poster at the library

We had \$1,088.43 in expenses this year – includes the printing of 2 banners (for Main St. and for railing at library). Next year, we won't have this cost.

We took in \$730 in membership at the book sale. Membership is at approx. \$4,000 to date, \$1,750 under budget. We remembered that last year we inserted a note in a newsletter, reminding lapsed members to renew their membership. Elizabeth will add a renewal reminder sticker to the June newsletter for lapsed members. Elizabeth will make sure that sponsors get a copy of all newsletters.

JFK museum pass is not at library yet. They had a delay/confusion at the JFK library and haven't even cashed our check yet. Giselle will follow up again with them.

Museum passes are currently under budget because they are renewed (and paid for) at different times throughout the year.

Museum of Science – coupon/pass is currently not available. Giselle mistakenly missed the renewal deadline so we will receive coupons in July.

Elizabeth motioned to accept financial report
Mary Lou seconded
Motion passed

Newsletter:

Topics will include: book sale recap, mini-golf recap, library building status and summer reading program

Book Sale:

Kids leftover books went to the Brockton Public Schools. Elizabeth delivered the books to a friend, a reading specialist in the Brockton Public Schools. She said the kids were very excited to receive the books.

Adult leftover books were picked up by Discover Books. Gary had to help move the boxes to their truck. Gary can't do that again. We will switch back to Big Hearted Books, a company in Sharon, who has committed to loading the truck themselves. Big Hearted sells books and donates what they can't sell.

We discussed book sellers. We felt it would be too difficult to charge book sellers a separate rate. We might consider asking them to wear a sticker that says they support the Friends of the Sharon Library – might make other patrons feel more comfortable around them.

We filled up the town dumpster during sorting. Next year, we will look into options for having trash/recycling picked up by a private company. We would need permission to put a dumpster or dumpster bag (check out www.thebagster.com) out bag somewhere.

Next year, we will stop collecting book donations 2 days before sale to allow for final set up.

We discussed having a student membership option or having them pay a fee for entry into the sale on preview day. Joanne will look at other libraries and ask the Mass Friends list serve.

Next year, we will consider printing a second banner that can hang on the other side of the railing at library.

Kirstin will store lawn signs at her house.

We discussed whether to have separate sign up slots for cashier or room staffer. We decided that board members during each slot should be cashiers and decide which volunteers can help if more cashiers are needed.

Hannaford Helps: Kirstin

The Friends has been chosen to get \$1.00 for every re-usable bag sold at the Norwood Hannaford Store in the month of July. Hannaford emailed us marketing material so we can promote in newsletter, in email, on Website and Facebook. Kirstin will talk to Lee Ann about helping promote in library and email

Building update: Carolyn and Kirstin (Lee Ann absent)
Both library warrant articles were approved at town meeting

Mikaela Jorgenson, a member of the Historical Commission, has expressed strong concerns over the plan for the new library – concerned about keeping it on current location, adding third floor, too big

Lee Ann has a meeting scheduled with Historical Commission to discuss the plan. Kirstin will ask Lee Ann if she needs support at the meeting and wants us to come.

Board Positions:

Kirstin is stepping down as president, but will remain on board. Mary Lou is resigning from the board (she will continue to volunteer at book sale). We need someone to take over as president and take over sponsorships.

Square Jam:

We have not received new members after having a table at square jam. Kirstin will ask the library if they can hand out our membership forms at their table this year, instead of us having a separate table.

Our next board meeting is Monday, September 12 at 7:30pm at the Sharon Public Library

Mary Lou motioned to adjourn
Elizabeth seconded
Motion passed

Post adjournment, we briefly discussed our annual meeting. Kirstin will ask Lee Ann if there is any speaker/program she wants to run that we could do at our annual meeting. Another option is to show a movie and hold a discussion after.

September 8, 2016 board voted via email to accept Amity Kelley as a new board member.