

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, Board meeting on April 20, 2020 – held via Zoom due to the library being closed

Prepared by: Joanne Blatte

**Present:** Kate Mason, Joanne Blatte, Amity Kelley, Elizabeth Kassab, Giselle Princz

The town of Sharon has closed the library, schools and town offices in order to slow/stop the spread of the coronavirus

Prior to meeting, Michael informed Kate that his family was moving out of town. We wish Michael well.

**Key Tasks assigned at this meeting:**

**All:**

Stay Safe  
Promote Stay Home and Read Gala Nights

**Alice:**

Adopt a Book as needed

**Amity:**

Set up Zoom meeting for our next board meeting

**Carolyn:**

Ask town officials and "bigwigs" to participate in Stay at Home Gala

**Elizabeth:**

Email sponsors with new date of book sale  
Create and send newsletter

**Giselle:**

Handle memberships, as needed once library reopens

**Joanne:**

Create Friends Instagram and Twitter account  
Manage Website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter  
Finalize invitation for Stay at Home Gala

**Kate:**

Handle membership, as needed  
Email Elizabeth with list of online programs we are sponsoring

Giselle confirmed that we raised \$196 in our book basket raffle

Amity motioned to approve March minutes

Giselle seconded

Motion passed

Financial Report: Giselle

Giselle paid for our PO Box, Bulk Mail permit, and purchased stamps. Giselle asked for permission to reimburse herself from the Friends account (due to social distancing Elizabeth can't sign a check for Giselle)

We received \$48 check from Stop and Shop.

Friends will be sponsoring online programming during this time. Lee Ann and staff are scheduling them now.

Book Sale:

Given the current status of affairs due to the Coronavirus, we rescheduled the book sale to September 10-13. Book Collection will begin on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. This gives us a short time for book sorting.

We will need to discuss safe options for the book sale if we are still advised to do social distancing. Concerns are the limited space in the community room and that there is no way to keep the books "clean" throughout the day. One thought was we could create bundles of books and sell them online or in a way that wouldn't allow for buyers touching/moving the books.

Elizabeth will let the sponsors know that we have rescheduled the book sale.

Town-wide mailing:

We have reserved the community room for August 24 and 25 from 10am-2pm to prepare the mailing

Stay at Home Gala:

Joanne created an invitation for a Stay at Home Gala. The idea is that instead of getting dressed up, buying tickets and attending a gala (which no one can do now anyway), people donate money to the Friends (the cost of ticket or buying new outfit) and share a picture of themselves staying home and reading. Other libraries and organizations have done this. This is a community event and a fundraising event.

We decided to make it a week of Gala Nights so no one feels as if there is a deadline to donate or snap a picture. Joanne will finalize the invite and email the board and Lee Ann to promote.

We will use the hashtag #FOSPLStayHomeAndRead

Joanne will create Friends Twitter and Instagram Account. Joanne will search for the hashtags and retweet or report photos to our social media accounts and website. We are hoping most people share them in the Sharon town Facebook groups

We should all send the invitation around to friends and groups we know.

Joanne- Sharon What's Up, Everything Sharon

Alice – SWIRL

Elizabeth – mom's club

Carolyn – town officials. Carolyn will ask town officials and “bigwigs” (Flutie?) to take pictures of themselves reading

Our next board meeting is Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and will be held via Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent to all board members

Elizabeth motioned to adjourn

Amity seconded

Meeting adjourned