

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, Board meeting on Sept 9, 2017 – Held at Sharon Public Library

Prepared by: Joanne Blatte

Present: Elizabeth Kassab, Carolyn Weeks, Kate Mason, Joanne Blatte, Kirstin Gray, Amity Kelley

Lee Ann and Giselle absent

Key Tasks assigned at this meeting:

Amity:

Look into aromatherapy, yoga or relaxation techniques for annual meeting

Elizabeth:

Follow up with Lee Ann – budget questions, annual meeting dates, museum pass review

Prepare newsletter

Confirm that Giselle will be treasurer again

Look into aromatherapy, yoga or relaxation techniques for annual meeting

Giselle:

Review/revise financial report and confirm data with Lee Ann

Adopt a Book for Mary Alice

Joanne:

Select adopt a books as needed – Mary Alice

Kate:

Coordinate members and donors with Giselle

Look into aromatherapy, yoga or relaxation techniques for annual meeting

Ask Lee Ann for date options for Paint Night

Kirstin:

Look into aromatherapy, yoga or relaxation techniques for annual meeting

Price out costs of flowers for Mary Alice

Lee Ann:

Ask Karen Mafera to present museum pass review (usage and costs)

Review budget with Giselle

Provide date options for annual meeting and paint night

Kirstin motioned to accept the June minutes

Carolyn seconded

Motion passed

Financial Report: Elizabeth

Donations are up. Giselle to clarify what is included in donations – does it include jewelry sales or is that in merchandise income? Cash put in donation box? What online donations have we received?

Adult and children's programming expenses are under budget. Giselle and Lee Ann to confirm all programs/bills are included.

Incorrect labels and amounts under small event expenses – should be paint night and cow patty bingo. Elizabeth will ask Giselle to fix.

We could not vote to accept financial report because revisions are required

Amazon Prime: Elizabeth

Library would like to purchase Amazon Prime for \$99

Kirstin motioned to re-allocate money from adult programming/supplies to fund the purchase of Amazon Prime.

Kate seconded

Motion passed

Karen Mafera has received inquiries about a pass for Southwick Zoo. Admittance to Southwick Zoo is \$25 per adult and \$20 for children age 3-12. The pass allows admittance for \$17. The pass is very expensive (\$750?). Post meeting: Joanne looked into other libraries that have this pass. Most libraries don't have it Holliston charges \$17 for each pass, Wrentham charges \$15. Elizabeth will ask Lee Ann to have Karen come present a review of all museum passes – cost and usage and we can then decide on Southwick as part of next year's budget

Newsletter: Elizabeth

Elizabeth will work on newsletter this week

- Cow patty bingo recap
- Annual Meeting
- Summer reading recap
- Repairs at library

Nomination Slate:

Elizabeth, Kate and Joanne agreed to stay in their positions. Elizabeth will confirm that Giselle will stay on as treasurer.

Annual Meeting:

We originally planned for this to be on 10/19. We can't do Books in Bloom so we need new entertainment. Elizabeth will ask Lee Ann for some date options in October.

Kirstin, Amity and Kate will look into some entertainment options – aromatherapy, yoga, reflexology and pilates. We would like to spend \$300 max. They will email options to the board by 9/21

Small Events:

Cow Patty Bingo:

People enjoyed it, despite the rain. We decided to do again next Fall. Crescent Ridge said they would host again and forestry dept said they would paint lines. Kirstin will ask her husband to MC and do a “play by play”.

Next time, we discussed having board members to sell 10 tickets each. We will decide later. We will also look into selling at other locations – Ward’s Berry Farm, other Farmer’s markets.

Paint Night:

Would like to do this again in February or March. Kate will ask Lee Ann for date options. Joanne will then coordinate with Sangeeta, the instructor.

Mary Alice:

Mary Alice moved to NJ. As a thank you for her years of service, we took a picture of us (Kate will photoshop in Mary Alice, Giselle and Lee Ann and we will send flowers. Kirstin will price out orchids or other flowers. We will also adopt a book. Kate will give Kirstin Mary Alice’s address

Trustees and Library: Carolyn

The Sharon Library Foundation is looking for members to help raise funds for a new library. Cheryl Weinstein would like a Friends board member to sit on the board and interview potential members. None of us expressed interest. Elizabeth will include a blurb in the newsletter about the Foundation seeking members.

Our next meeting is October 9 at 7:30pm at the library.

Kirstin motioned to adjourn

Amity seconded

Meeting adjourned