

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, Board meeting on June 25, 2018 – Pot luck held at Sharon Public Library

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Present: Elizabeth Kassab, Carolyn Weeks, Kate Mason, Joanne Blatte, Amity Kelley, Giselle Princz, Kirstin Gray, Lee Ann Amend (library director), Alice Cusner (prospective board member)

Key Tasks assigned at this meeting:

All:

Promote Cow Patty Bingo and Annual Meeting

Amity:

Handle adopt a book fulfillment, as needed

Carolyn:

Request banner for next year's book sale

Elizabeth:

Confirm that DPW can draw lines for Cow Patty Bingo

Giselle:

Handle adopt a books and memberships, as needed

Joanne:

Select adopt a books, as needed

Kate:

Contact local painters about leading paint night
Print bookmark for Square Jam

Kirstin:

Revise bookmark for Square Jam
Revise flyer for annual meeting

Lee Ann:

Ask children's librarians to suggest potential volunteers or board members

Kirstin motioned to approve May minutes
Kate seconded
Motion passed

We all introduced ourselves to Alice Cusner who is considering becoming a board member

Book Sale Review:

We thought our tables were stacked neater this year
Dictionaries take up a lot of space and don't really sell. Next year, we should put dictionaries in a free box during sorting and see if Miki wants them to use for craft projects.

We probably threw out too many "old books" this year. One of our booksellers is interested in old books. If a book smells, but not moldy, we should store in a plastic bag so the smell doesn't spread.

Buy masks for volunteers next year

Joanne will ask SHS ELA curriculum coordinator for a list of summer reading books so we can put them aside if they come in

Next year, we should keep SAT prep books. Parents bought them for practice problems and activities for their children.

Next year's sale:

April 29, 2019 – set up

April 30 – May 14, 2019 – book collection

May 16-19, 2019 – book sale

We took a break to enjoy our pot luck

We made almost \$11,000. Elizabeth bought a \$25 Visa gift card for Gary. We need to adopt a book for sponsors. Giselle will create bookplates for:
Sharon Credit Union: Adopt a Book and Museum Passes
Dedham – Membership drive
Eastern and Herb Chambers – book sale

Elizabeth sent a thank you note to staff via Lee Ann

Joanne will store sponsor signs at her house

Paint Night:

The library is available on 11/15. Lee Ann reserved it at 6 pm for set up and 7 pm – 9 pm for the program. Kate will contact Elaine Levin to see if she will lead the night.

Other upcoming events:

Cow Patty Bingo – October 13. Elizabeth will confirm if DPW can draw the grid lines.

Annual Meeting is October 23. Kirstin created a flyer. Joanne will email the flyer to the board.

We would like to do Civics 101 again in April, 2019.

We reviewed our upcoming board meeting schedule. Due to holidays, the dates will be as follows: 9/17, 10/13, 10/23, 11/19, 12/17 and 1/14

Kirstin is away over the summer. Amity agreed to take over the fulfillment part of adopt a book.

Kate has agreed to be president next year. Someone will need to take over managing the membership database. Kate explained what it entails – most of it is updating a spreadsheet in Excel. The busiest time is before paint night and the book sale – the membership list must be constantly updated at those times. Kate also sends out thank you letters donors/patrons.

We discussed that people still mistake having a library card for being a member of the Friends. Kirstin will try and update our bookmarks to address this confusion. Kate will print the bookmarks on colored card stock. The library staff will hand out Friends material at Square Jam.

We would like to get more board members but could also just use help with events and activities, such as Adopt-a-Book. Lee Ann will ask children's librarians to suggest patrons that might be willing to volunteer or help the Friends.

Our next meeting is Monday, September 17th (Sept. 10th is Rosh Hashanah) at 7:30pm at the library,

Giselle motioned to adjourn

Kirstin seconded

Motion passed