

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, Board meeting on Sept 9, 2019 – held at Sharon Public Library

Prepared by: Joanne Blatte

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

Key Tasks assigned at this meeting:

All:

Brainstorm themes for silent auction baskets

Amity:

Transition adopt a book to Alice

Carolyn:

Ask the historical society if they want our old photos/documents

Elizabeth:

Create and email September Newsletter

Select donated books for basket from friend's non-profit

Giselle:

Transition adopt a book to Alice

Handle memberships, as needed

Prepare financial report for annual meeting

Joanne:

Transition adopt a book to Alice

Promote Stop and Shop's reusable bag program on Facebook in October

Arrange for annual meeting speaker

Email Adopt a book process to Alice

Kate:

Handle membership, as needed

Write president letter for annual meeting

Set up membership sub-group meeting

Organize paint afternoon

Invite Lonnie Friedman to a future meeting

Kirstin:

Create flyer for paint afternoon

Amity motioned to approve June minutes

Kirstin seconded

Motion passed

All board members were asked to confirm their correct contact information

Financial Report:

We reviewed the financial report

Kirstin motioned to accept financial report

Amity seconded

Motion passed

Annual Meeting:

Joanne passed around some options for annual meeting speakers

We decided to ask Dr. Gary Hylander to speak about Salem Witchcraft and Trials. He charges \$150. Joanne will see if Gary is available on 10/24, 10/21 or 10/28.

Elizabeth motioned to pay \$150 to hire Gary Hylander

Kirstin seconded

Motion passed

Officers: All officers agreed to remain in their positions for next year

Kate will write the president letter and Giselle will prepare the financial report for the annual meeting

Adopt a book:

Alice agreed to take over Adopt A Book. Joanne will email the current adopt a book process to Alice to review.

Membership:

Kate will set up a small sub-group (Joanne and will ask Michael to join) to review and improve membership process

Mary Alice sent Kate our history albums. We decided that we don't need to keep our old photos and documents. Minutes are stored on our website. Carolyn will ask if the historical society wants them

Meeting dates:

We reviewed our future meeting dates and revised for holidays

10/21, 11/18, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8

May 14-17 is the book sale and book collection will be 4/27-5/12

Fundraising Activities:

Paint Afternoon. Sangeeta Mehta has agreed to lead on 11/2 at 3:30pm

Books in a Basket:

We will create a list of themed baskets - one for each month. During the book sale we will put aside books for the baskets

Some ideas:

Books for a snowy day, books for a beach day, kids books, self-help (January resolution), business books (tax season)

We then will set up a silent auction at the library. People will put in a slip with their bid. The highest bid gets the basket. We would set a \$15 minimum bid

For our next meeting, we should all brainstorm ideas for themed baskets

Elizabeth knows a non-profit that is moving locations and has kids books to donate. Elizabeth will check out the books and see if we could make a children's basket (or a few) that we could try as our first silent auction this December.

How to Fix It

Discussed having a night of experts teaching how to fix things. We decided against this

Other ideas included: game tournament and civics bee with LWV. We will continue discussing at future meetings

Newsletters

Newsletters typically come out September, January, April and June

Elizabeth will create and email September newsletter: promote annual meeting and paint night

Foundation Pledge:

Discuss at our next meeting

Director Update: Lee. Ann

Working with architect on layout revisions. Plan is to open Fall of 2021.

Hired a new youth librarian

OBOT:

Lonnie Friedman wants to come to a future meeting to discuss finances

Our next board meeting is Monday, October 21 at 7:30 pm – might change due to annual meeting date

Elizabeth motioned to adjourn

Kirstin seconded

Meeting adjourned