

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

Prepared by: Joanne Blatte

**Present:** Elizabeth Kassab, Carolyn Weeks, Kate Mason, Joanne Blatte, Alice Cusner, Amity Kelley, Lee Ann Amend (library director)

**Key Tasks assigned at this meeting:**

**All:**

Brainstorm themes for silent auction baskets  
Look for items for a Valentine's Day basket  
Promote Spring speakers

**Alice:**

Adopt a Book as needed

**Amity:**

Seek donations of baskets

**Elizabeth:**

Work with Sweethearts Three Fine Chocolates on fundraiser  
Seek sponsors

**Giselle:**

Handle memberships, as needed  
Finalize 2019-2020 budget

**Joanne:**

Manage Website and Facebook  
Ask LWV members if anyone would lead a book discussion  
Begin redesigning town-wide mailing  
Ask Kirstin who printed lawn sign stickers

**Kate:**

Handle membership, as needed  
Submit request to Shaw's about reusable bag donation

**Lee Ann:**

Confirm status of Plimoth Plantation and Harvard Museum passes  
Have someone create flyer for Pat Jordan event

Amity motioned to approve November minutes  
Elizabeth seconded  
Motion passed

Financial Report: Giselle absent

2019-2020 proposed budget:

A few corrections need to be made:

- Remove \$1,000 for rental books (we had decided to not fund this until new library)
- Change paint nite title to be small event
- Correct total expenses and deficit after making the above changes

Amity motioned to accept the 2019-2020 budget with the changes mentioned above

Elizabeth seconded

Motion passed

Lee Ann reviewed expenses to date

Museum Passes:

Library is still working to get the Harvard Museum Pass since we already paid for it. We need to confirm the cost of the memorial beach passes. RISD cost should be \$175 not \$200. The Battleship Cove pass is now, but we will not renew next year. Lee Ann will check to see if we actually have Plimoth Plantation pass (we paid for it).

Valentine's Day Fundraiser:

Elizabeth will work with Sweethearts Three Fine Chocolates

Spring Speakers:

Lee Ann has arranged for 2 speakers

- 1) Pat Jordan on 2/13 at 7 pm – 8 pm (snow date of 2/20) – Portrayal of Carrie Chapman Catt: Suffragist Leader & Founder of the League of Women Voters. Sponsored by the Friends, the LWV, and the Vets. Lee Ann will create a flyer. Vets will bake for this event
- 2) Tina Cassidy Book Talk on her book *Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait?* on 4/23 at 7 pm. Sponsored by the Friends and LWV. Friends will bake for this one. Lee Ann distributed a flyer for this event.

Library will host a book discussion on Tina Cassidy's book. Joanne will ask LWV members if anyone wants to lead the book discussion,

Basket fundraising:

We brainstormed some ideas for basket themes. These ideas appear at the end of these minutes.

We discussed how to sell or raffle the baskets. We think a raffle would garner the most money, but we need to figure out how to do that. A raffle would be best at an event. Amity agreed to help this lead basket creation. Amity will seek out donations of baskets and maintain the list of basket ideas.

If possible, we would like to have a basket for Valentine's Day. Everyone should look around for books and items in their homes related to Valentine's Day. We will also check the Friends shelves with books for sale. Elizabeth could ask Sweethearts Three Fine Chocolates. Elizabeth and Joanne will look if there is a way to hold a raffle online.

**Book Sale:**

Kate will make a request in writing to local Shaw's to see if they can donate reusable bags for our book sale. We think we probably need 250 bags. We should ask for 500 to last more than one year

Printer and Mailing – Joanne has been in talks with the Business Post Office and the printer. We can have the printer print the envelopes with Current Resident and an actual street address (they get the list of all street addresses). This will allow our postage to be under 10¢ per piece. The printer is getting Joanne a quote for printing, stuffing the envelopes, and delivering the mailing to the post office

Joanne will ask Kirstin who printed the stickers for the lawn signs.

Kate mentioned that Walpole Friends (who has a very active Friends group) has a parent advisory board. Kate will get more information.

Director's and Trustees update: Lee Ann

The schematic design of the new library is done and up next is zoning board meetings.

Our next board meeting is Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

Elizabeth motioned to adjourn

Amity seconded

Meeting adjourned

**Book Basket Themes**

January	Winter, Martin Luther King, Resolutions – getting in shape, eating healthy, Chinese new year
February	Valentines/romance, chocolate, black history, presidents, sports (superbowl)
March	Women in history, dr. seuss (bday)
April	Weather, finances, business, eco-friendly, poetry, College Prep

May	Flowers, Mothers, Parenting, New baby, New England
June	Fathers, Flags,
July	American history, History, BBQ, Travel/Country
August	Beach, Solar, travel
September	School, Education, Kids
October	Halloween, explorers
November	Thanksgiving, Pilgrims, novels, how to be a writer, elections/politics, Classics and Modern Day Pairings, Military/Vets
December	Holidays, Snow, Kids, Hobby books