

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, Board meeting on Mar 12, 2018 – Held at Sharon Public Library

Prepared by: Joanne Blatte

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

Key Tasks assigned at this meeting:

All:

Bring in buckets for Paint Night
Bake or bring refreshments for Paint Night
Plan to arrive at Paint Night to set-up at 6pm
Promote Civics 101 event

Carolyn:

Get permission for lawn sign placements

Elizabeth:

Work on newsletter
Write thank you for Cheryl Weinstein
Contact Crescent Ridge about Cow Patty Bingo

Giselle:

Adopt a Book, as needed
Put money in Post Office Account
Pick up lawn signs

Joanne:

Select adopt a books, as needed
Pick up mailing bins from Post Office
Work with LWV on civics 101 event
Buy water bottles for civics 101 event

Kate:

Buy seltzer bottles for Paint Night
Update the What We Do Sign
Work with Gary to put up banner for Green Day event

Kirstin:

Update material for town-wide mailing
Provide civics 101 info to Sharon Cable TV

Lee Ann:

Contact Sharon Advocate about upcoming events
Email library patrons about civics 101 event

Kirstin motioned to approve Feb minutes
Elizabeth seconded
Motion passed

Financial Report: Giselle
All sponsors approved donations.
We received 2 checks from Sharon Credit Union for \$950 each for Adopt a Book and Museum Passes
Herb Chambers and Eastern Bank donated \$350 each for Used Book Sale
Dedham Savings donated \$1,400

Giselle will change the line item for Sharon Credit Union donation for \$950 to say
"Town-Wide Mailing/Adopt a Book

We received a donation from Fidelity Investments (via Cheryl Weinstein) for \$250.
Elizabeth will write a thank you note to Cheryl and Kate will renew Cheryl's membership.

We decided to print 500 non-sponsor envelopes along with town-wide mailing material.

Giselle motioned to accept financial report
Kirstin seconded
Motion passed

Paint Night: Kate
2 of the participants couldn't make it. Kate has called up 2 people on waiting list – one already accepted

Kate bought more paint and canvasses. Board members should bring buckets. Some of us will try and come at 3pm to set up the room. All should come at 6pm to finish setting up and help at Paint Night.

Library will be closed tomorrow (Tuesday) due to snowstorm. Lee Ann will confirm that the library will be open on Wednesday. If it is not open, Kate, Elizabeth and Carolyn will call attendees to tell them that we are postponing until the snow date (March 28).

Civics 101: Joanne
Kirstin will promote on Sharon Cable
Joanne submitted to Sharon Advocate. Advocate has not been responsive to Lee Ann or us so not sure if they will run anything. Joanne will buy water bottles. Joanne emailed to Dr. Greer, SPS superintendent, and requested that she forward the flyer to principals so they can promote in their schools and to their staff (post meeting: Dr. Greer said ok)

Joanne will work with LWV and speakers to determine room/equipment needs

Closer to the date, Lee Ann will email the flyer to library patrons.

All of us should help promote.

Book Sale:

Giselle ordered lawn signs.

Kate updated the banner signs.

Elizabeth checked the large pricing signs and said they are fine – easy to update pricing, as needed.

Lee Ann ordered 15 Lucite holders for us.

Lee Ann ordered dumpster.

Big Hearted Books will pick up books. They say they can move the books by themselves to the truck. It would be better if some of us are there to help so Gary doesn't feel he needs to help move them.

Kirstin posted on BookFinder site.

Book sale certificates were sent to each elementary school.

Joanne will send another email to volunteers later this month. As we get closer, Joanne will send flyer to Dr. Greer to promote within the schools.

We decided to put up the book sale banner on the railing during the Green Day event.

We reviewed the locations for lawn signs. Carolyn came up with locations and will ask the homeowners for permission. Joanne will ask Sangeeta if she will have a sign on her property.

Kate will update What We Do sign.

Town-wide mailing: Elizabeth

Joanne will send another email to volunteers later this month. Only a few have signed up so far.

Kirstin will send material to board members for one final proofing/editing. Kirstin will then send them to printer.

Cow Patty Bingo:

Crescent Ridge is celebrating 50 years of the ice cream stand this year. Elizabeth will contact Crescent Ridge to see when they are having their event. We decided that it is not worth it for the board to sell raffle tickets at the Farmer's Market every Saturday. We only sold a few there last year. Elizabeth will ask Crescent Ridge if they can encourage their staff to sell tickets – could we offer \$25 prize to the staff member who sells the most raffle tickets.

Library update: Lee Ann

Musical World Café was a success – not as many people as last year, but still overflowing crowd. Lee Ann's daughter made the food. It is illegal for town personnel to ask for food donations. We told Lee Ann we could handle that in the future. Lee Ann is thinking of doing something new next year: Interpretation in floral and plant design

Foundation has already received commitments for donations for naming rights of various rooms/items in the new library. Donation amounts for naming rights range from \$500 - \$5 million for the building. One idea is that a mural of Sharon locations will be painted in the library and various parts of the mural (ex. a boat on the lake) could be named for a pre-specified donation amount

Trustees Update: No update

Our next meeting is Monday, April 9 at 7:30pm at the library.

Kate motioned to adjourn

Kirstin seconded

Motion passed