

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, Board meeting on November 18, 2019 – held at Sharon Public Library

Prepared by: Joanne Blatte

Present: Elizabeth Kassab, Carolyn Weeks, Kate Mason, Joanne Blatte, Michael Della Bitta, Alice Cusner, Amity Kelley, Giselle Princz, Lee Ann Amend (library director)

Key Tasks assigned at this meeting:

All:

Brainstorm themes for silent auction baskets

Alice:

Adopt a Book as needed

Elizabeth:

Work with Sweethearts Three Fine Chocolates on fundraiser

Ask Sharon Credit Union for sponsorship

Giselle:

Handle memberships, as needed

Finalize 2019-2020 budget

Joanne:

Manage Website and Facebook

Work with Lee Ann on Spring suffragette speakers

Begin redesigning town-wide mailing

Kate:

Handle membership, as needed

Ask Stop and Shop and/or Shaw's about reusable bag donation

Lee Ann:

Confirm status of Harvard and Battleship Cove passes

Work with Joanne on Spring suffragette speakers

Alice motioned to approve October minutes

Amity seconded

Motion passed

Financial Report:

Giselle presented the financial report

Amity motioned to accept the financial report

Michael seconded

Motion passed

Wishlist:

The library staff would like keep rental DVD/books. We are losing money on the rental program. Given our decline in income, we decided to stop until the new library is built and then we can relaunch the program with new items.

Lee Ann described that other libraries rent out other types of items: power washers, fishing rods, canopies. We will discuss for the new library.

We reviewed the museum pass program usage. The report said that we didn't have passes to Battleship Cove and Harvard Museum, but Giselle paid the bills. Lee Ann will investigate if we have the passes or need a refund

We decided to eliminate museum passes with low usage: Boston by Foot, New Bedford Whaling and RISD reducing the wishlist by \$650.

Our income from adopt a book continues to decline. We decided to not include adopt a book form in our town-wide mailing. We will just run off copies to have at the library, as needed.

The Sharon Credit Union is merging with Crescent Credit Union. Elizabeth will contact the Sharon Credit Union to ask about sponsorship in consideration of the merger. We would like them to increase their donation overall and need to determine what they will fund (instead of adopt a book) – programming? Reusable bags?

Kate will contact Shaw's and Stop and Shop to see if they can donate reusable bags for our book sale. Trader Joes would probably be willing to give us their paper bags. Sustainable Sharon would prefer we get reusable bags. We think we probably need 250 bags. We should ask for 500 to last more than one year

Sweethearts Three:

Elizabeth spoke with them and they are interested in doing a fundraiser. They would like to do it around Valentine's Day. Elizabeth will coordinate with them.

The wishlist is now \$16,600. We are concerned about funding the entire wishlist without knowing our sponsorship income for the year. We decided to fund half the year so Lee Ann has enough money to plan programming.

Joanne motioned to fund ½ year of the wishlist at \$8,300.

Alice seconded

Motion passed

Giselle will revise the budget (based on changes/corrections made tonight) and we will approve it at our next meeting

We should all brainstorm ideas for the themed book baskets – so we can collect books during the book sale and launch after the book sale

Joanne suggested that we might be able to do a fundraiser with a showing of the Downton Abbey Movie once it is released on DVD.

Director's update: Lee Ann

New library is heading into design development phase.

Held a meeting with Standing Building Committee, architect and MBLC

Lee Ann highlighted some features of the new library

Trustees:

Have begun working with someone on the mural design

Our next board meeting is Monday, December 9th at 7:30 pm

Amity motioned to adjourn

Alice seconded

Meeting adjourned