

Friends of Lane Memorial Library

Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2021

Attendees: Mary Ertl, Mary Lou Heran, Wendi Lewis, Marilyn MacIntosh, Amanda Reynolds Cooper, Patt Walker, Julie Jefferson and Kris Sawyer. (Meeting was conducted virtually due to COVID-19 concerns)

Meeting called to order at 6:33

I. Minutes

- A. Patt made a motion to approve minutes from December 9, 2020. Marilyn seconded. Minutes approved and put-on file.

II. Officer's Reports

- A. President – No report
- B. Vice President – Mary Lou reported there had been no recent contact with The Brook, but had been told that the Friends were on the schedule for 2021. Further confirmation might be warranted.
- C. Secretary – No report
- D. Treasurer – Cheryl submitted financial report on line. Board reviewed and placed on file.
- E. Membership – Julie stated she had sent out 8 renewals for January.

III. Old Business

- A. Nothing at this time

IV. New Business

- A. Mary Twomey Memorial Fund- \$145 in donations have been received to date for the Friends. Patt suggested that a book about New England sports be purchased for the library, as Mary had been a huge Patriots fan. There was further discussion about also buying a plant/bush to add to the library's landscape in her memory. Board will look into these ideas further before committing to final memorial.

- B. Library Update/Funding Requests – Amanda told board that curbside pickups were still very busy, including the weekly children’s crafts. The staff have planned some remote activities for Feb/March with themes such as a birdwatching, terrarium building, and arm chair travel. Tax service help will be limited mainly to providing information on line and phone assistance. Board of Trustees will meet on 1/20/21 to discuss the possibility of reopening library to patrons. Amanda will look into proposal of installing electronic message board outside of library.
- C. Valentine Tea and Terrarium Kits – Wendi received a spending request from Wendy Rega to fund Terrarium Kits: 10 kits for Teens and 30 kits for adults at a total cost between \$160 - \$200. Wendi made motion to fund the terrarium kits up to \$200. Mary seconded. All in favor. Wendi announced that she would like to do a virtual Valentine Tea this year on 2/13/21. She would create bags for registered participants to pick up; these bags would include a book, craft and hot chocolate/tea mix. Paulina would do a zoom story time. The event would be limited to 40 participants and Wendi felt she would be able to put on this event well below the usual \$300 budgeted for the Tea. Board agreed that a virtual Tea would be a wonderful idea.
- D. Teen Gift Card Update - 14 teens have participated in doing a book review to receive a gift card. Wendi will look into whether the school has sent the information out to their students, which might encourage more teens taking part in this program.
- V. **Upcoming Events** – Friends board meeting 2/10/21

Motion to adjourn by Marilyn, seconded by Mary.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Sawyer, Secretary

