

Friends of the Lane Memorial Library Board Meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

February 12, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm by Mary Lou Heran, president.

**Attendees:** Wendi Lewis, Mary Lou Heran, Lisa Parker, Marilyn MacIntosh, Kris Sawyer, Christine Bushway, Amanda Reynolds Cooper, Cheryl Beliveau.

**Minutes:** We reviewed the minutes from the January 2019 meeting. Kris moved to accept the minutes. Christine seconded. Approved.

**Presidents Report:** N/A

**Vice Presidents Report:** N/A

**Secretary Report:** N/A

**Treasurers Reports:** Mary Lou was taking over for Mary while she was on vacation. Book bag invoice came in; the total was less than the \$700 we budgeted for.

**Membership:** Six memberships received, 4 renewals and 2 new members.

**Old Business:**

**A:** The Valentines Tea is a few days away, on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers for food/treats are still needed. All spots are filled for both tea times, with 20 children each.

**B:** A request for volunteers to help residents submit info for the town Master Plan went out by email from Mary Lou. The dates needed for volunteers are February 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> between 10am-12.

**C:** Over 60 people attended the first author series with Roseann Sdoia. The response was positive from those who came. We have authors scheduled through May. We discussed author fees and what our budget could be for that. We agreed that if Christine had an amount, she could go ahead and book authors right then and there, instead of waiting for approvals and potentially missing out on that speaker. Christine made a motion to approve up to \$400 for author fees, Cheryl seconded. Approved. We also talked about having a speaker at our annual meeting in September. We gave Amanda a few dates in September and she would look at the availability of the Lane room. Christine will see about having an author speak after the meeting. We discussed the placing the series on hold for the summer months, due to perhaps not having many people in town and all of the other programs going on with the summer reading events. Marilyn made a motion to suspend the series, Kris seconded. Approved.

**D:** The spring Book and Media sale will be June 3-6 this year. At the last meeting, we asked for chairs for the book sale committee. Marilyn expressed interest but would still like to meet with Mary and Julie

again to go over the position more. Ideas of how to organize/improvement were brought up and perhaps extending the hours of the sale. More will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **New Business:**

**A:** Mary Lou spoke with Sarah Edgar at Winnacunnet regarding the logo design “contest” idea we had. She liked the idea and was open to having students participate but just not as a classroom project. We talked about what the incentive could be and if this would be something that we would open up to the other schools. We also discussed the disadvantages of the project, as the logo criteria would have to meet specific criteria. More to discuss at the next meeting.

**B:** Our date for the casino gaming week at The Brook will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will need to promote the facility on our site, FB, posters etc. We will also need to check in once a day during our week. Any other ideas of how to promote The Brook are welcome.

**C:** Since we now have potential income from The Brook, the discussion of holding the mini golf event was brought up again. This could be something we do for a fun community event, not necessarily a fundraiser. Other community events could be High Tea/Mother’s Day Tea, pair this with certain events/holidays coming up. More to discuss at the next meeting.

**D:** Amanda mentioned that they were looking into summer reading program ideas and one of them included utilizing the empty lot across the street from the library and setting up a tent for outdoor activities. She would be looking into the cost of purchasing/renting the tent and let us know the cost. They would also see if the recreation department would want to be a part of it.

**E:** The Board of Trustees are looking for alternates. This would be a one-year commitment and if anyone is interested, they can reach out to Amanda.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Valentine Tea, February 15<sup>th</sup>

In the Valley of the Dragons, Nancy Donovan, author series, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Not Afraid to Fall, Brian Hall, author series, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Casino Gaming Week, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>

Toward the Light, Bonnar Spring, author series, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

First Grade Book Sale, May, date TBD

Bessie’s Story, Thomas W. Farnen, author series, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Spring Book & Media Sale, June 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

**Summary of Decisions Made:**

Approved up to \$400 for author fees.

Suspend the author series for June/July/August.

**Next Meeting:**

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

At 8:07pm Kris moved to adjourn the meeting. Christine seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Cheryl Beliveau, Secretary