

Friends of the Lane Memorial Library
Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2020
APPROVED 1/13/2021

Attendees: Mary Lou Heran, Wendi Lewis, Marilyn MacIntosh, Cheryl Beliveau, Julie Jefferson, Patt Walker, Mary Ertl, Amanda Reynolds Cooper

President Mary Lou Heran called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. The meeting was held via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic concerns.

Minutes: Marilyn made a motion to approve the minutes of November 11, 2020, Julie seconded, and the motion passed.

There were no individual reports by the president, vice president, or secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl had emailed the treasurer's report for November. Income included \$395 for memberships and a \$1,000 donation from Experience Hampton. The only expense was \$27 for the NH Secretary of State filing fee. She received renewal notices for the Currier Museum and Strawberry Banke passes, which we had agreed to renew. Most of the museums have reopened with varying restrictions and some have extended the passes for a number of months.

Membership: Julie reported that she had sent out 3 membership renewal letters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Network For Good and Amazon Smile - The Friends should receive \$265 from the Network For Good for donations to the Facebook Giving Day fundraiser. We will not be making more announcements about this fundraiser or the Amazon Smile, due to the difficult times for many people.

Local fundraiser for individual family - The board had discussed (by email) a request from the library that the Friends accept donations from individuals to give to a local family and then write the check for that family. While we appreciate the fundraising effort for this local family who has suffered a tremendous loss, we find that we don't want to risk jeopardizing our IRS and NH Department of Justice non-profit standing since this doesn't fall within our charter to support the library. The board therefore voted unanimously not to honor the library's request to accept people's donations or funds from purchase on behalf of the library and the Recreation Department and then write a corresponding check from the Friends' bank account to the family.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spending Requests, other Updates from Amanda: The library is offering teens at Hampton Academy and Winnacunnet High School the opportunity to submit a book report on a book they have read and in exchange receive a gift card for Water Street Bookstore. The Friends recently received a \$1,000 donation from Experience Hampton due to the cancellation of the annual Christmas parade. Patt made a motion and Marilyn seconded that we authorize up to \$1,000 to pay for the gift cards for teens. All in favor.

Library staff is still considering several ideas of what they would like to request for the library.

The library has suspended building access again, which allows them to serve the public better. This policy will be reviewed by the Trustees after a month.

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS MADE:

Authorize up to \$1000 for gift cards to a bookstore for teens who have prepared a book report.

Marilyn made a motion to adjourn, Julie seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Jan.13, 2020, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS (Pencilled in, subject to feasibility):

Spring Book Sale: June 2-5, 2021 (Wednesday – Saturday)

Fall book sale: November 17-20, 2021 (Wednesday - Saturday)

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ertl, for Kris Sawyer