

Friends of the Lane Memorial Library Board Meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

January 9, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Mary Lou Heran, president.

Attendees: Christine Bushway, Mary Ertl, Linda Freeman, Marilyn MacIntosh, Julie Jefferson, Kris Sawyer, Mary Lou Heran, Cheryl Beliveau, Amanda Reynolds Cooper, Wendi Lewis, Jay Diener.

Minutes: We reviewed the minutes from the November 2018 meeting. Kris moved to accept the minutes, Mary seconded the motion. Approved.

Presidents Report: N/A

Vice Presidents Report: Chamber of Commerce meeting went well, received positive response from the members. There was discussion on potential collaboration possibilities in the future. The Friends are now members of the Chamber of Commerce as of January 2019.

Secretary Report: N/A

Treasurers Reports: November brought in \$1435 for memberships and the book sale brought in \$2752.25, slightly higher than last falls sale. December had \$315 for memberships. Expenses paid out was \$654.49, two museum passes were renewed (and other expenses). We briefly spoke of possibly changing banks to earn a better return on our money. We agreed that we would check out other banks for convenience and rates and this will be looked into further. An email vote may be sent out on this in the upcoming month.

Membership: For the month of November we had 8 new members and 31 renewals. For the month of December we had 2 new members and 6 renewals.

Old Business:

A: The craft/bake sale was another success in November. We received the last payment of \$20 for a vendor table in December, giving us a total of \$835.50 made on the sale of baked goods, raffle tickets and the cost of vendors renting tables. We had vendors set up the night before which worked out well. Also, we tried having tables upstairs as well, but have decided not to continue with that option for next time. The sale date was the same as the Jingle Bell craft fair across the street at the church, which helped with attracting more customers than last year. We will try to plan it on the same day again next time.

B: The fall book sale was also a success. The sale made \$2752.25. Included in that total was income from 43 book bags we sold (with our new price of \$8/each or 2/\$15).

C: Linda spoke with Rich at the Hampton Historical Society and got more info on the benefits on having Pay Pal on our website for people to join or make donations to the Friends. The cost breakdown would

be about \$.52 we would have to give to Pay Pal for every \$10 membership. Christine made a motion to accept putting Pay Pal on our site, Kris seconded. Julie opposed. Motion was approved.

D: Amanda had more info regarding the mural that we discussed at the November meeting. We have a quote of \$4500 for the mural and an additional \$450 for materials, bringing the total the library is requesting to \$4950. Amanda still would like to get the community involved, perhaps with helping to pick a theme for the mural. Mary Lou made a motion to accept the proposed mural funding, Mary seconded. Approved.

New Business:

A: At the last meeting, hosting a road race was discussed. The library had a 1 mile course certified last spring and it is now a valid 1 mile course until 2021. The library proposed that the Friends take over that race for fundraising purposes. Jay Diener, who has worked with the Great Bay 5K, came by to help answer our questions. We learned that entry fees for 5K's are usually around \$20-\$35 and sometimes will include a t-shirt for the higher fee. Where our course is only 1 mile, the cost may be a little lower. Sponsorships are something that we would have to work on since the cost of having someone time the race can be costly(\$2000-\$3000). Also, if we wanted to host a race in the spring, we are a little late in terms of setting a date and getting sponsorships. Races are scheduled out a good time in advance and posted to race sites to advertise them. Having people sign up for races online is the most common way to do so. Jay did stress that setting up a race is definitely a time consuming process.

B: Amanda brought in a t-shirt that a member had brought to her attention. She thought it might be a good way for the Friends to fundraise. The t-shirt graphic on front read 'I read past my bedtime' and then the Friends logo could be on the upper back. The cost of the shirt would be about \$13 for 25 shirts(for the sample shown) plus the costing of printing. The cost to buy would be about \$20. We would have to figure out the printing cost. Marilyn volunteered to look into this more.

C: Amanda received a letter from the Rotary Club letting us know that they would like to partner with us for upcoming events in the fall, the Seafood Festival and Reach the Beach. The Rotary Club also donated \$600 to the 1000 books before Kindergarten program.

D: Valentine's Day Tea is Saturday February 16th, with a snow date of Saturday 23rd. Wendi will be hosting the event but is still looking for volunteers. Signups will be on February 2nd, with 40 spots available, split between two sessions.

E: Mini golf at the library is scheduled for April 13th. Mary Lou has been in contact with Joe from Mobile Mini Golf regarding info for fundraising and flyers. He invited us to check out the set up at Nevins Memorial Library on January 20th. We discussed the need for us to make up flyers sooner than later to hand out to local businesses for sponsorships.

F: Christine showed us a tuffet that local artisan Kerin Ferrin made. Christine's thought was that it could be a class that we could offer at the library. It would be a 2 day class, with a cost of \$70 per person plus materials. Minimum of 4 people would have to attend.

Upcoming Events:

Valentines Tea, February 16th, 2019 (snow date Saturday 23rd)

Mini Golf, April 13th, 2019

Spring Book Sale, June 5th-8th, 2019

Fall Book Sale, November 20th-23rd, 2019

Summary of Decisions Made:

Agreed that an email vote may be in order if we decide to switch banks.

Will add Pay Pal to our website.

The Friends will pay \$4950 for a mural to be commissioned in the stairwell heading down to the Children's Room.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 13th, 2019

At 8:02pm Kris moved to adjourn the meeting. Christine seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Cheryl Beliveau, Secretary