

Friends of the Lane Memorial Library in Hampton, NH
Board Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2014
Approved October 16, 2014

Attendees: Kris Sawyer*, Lynn Blume*, Terri Teleen*, Wendi Lewis*, Mary Ertl*, Patt Walker, CC Bolduc, Mary Twomey. (“ * “ denotes board member)

President Wendi called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

New Appointments: Patt moved and Kris seconded the following changes: Mary Twomey will replace Lynn Blume as Membership Chair and Mary Ertl will replace Terri Teleen as Treasurer until their current terms expire (September). Lynn Blume and Terri Teleen will continue as Board members. Motion passed.

The Board thanked Lynn B for her many years as Membership Chair. Lynn will continue to provide design help with Membership brochures, and training for Mary T. The Board also expressed their gratitude to Terri for her services.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mary distributed the minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting. Kris moved that the minutes be approved with one spelling correction. Patt seconded; motion passed.

President’s Report: At the Flatbread fundraiser, (July 8, 5-9PM) we will receive a dollar amount for each flatbread sold that evening during the event (other items excluded). Simon Brooks, Storyteller, will appear at the library on July 8 and will share 50% of the profits from sale of his CDs at this event and at Flatbread Pizza that night. Hopefully our patrons will attend our Flatbread Pizza fundraiser before or after enjoying this presentation.

Stacy Mazur, Teen Librarian, showed Wendi positive statistics on library usage and attendance by teens. Wendi will ask Stacy to speak at our Annual Meeting about the teen center.

Treasurer’s Report: Mary distributed and reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for May.

Membership: Lynn B reported that we have 225 members.

Fundraising: Patt expects to receive information soon from The Poker Room regarding the specific dates for our participation. She will review the application paperwork to be sure it is ready for submission to the NH Charitable Gaming office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Book Sale wrap-up: Mary distributed a detailed accounting of this year’s sale proceeds. Total income from from book sales, raffle tickets, memberships and donations in 2013 was \$3,221.52. This year, 2014, the total is \$3,757.87 including a very generous donation of \$500. The Board expressed their gratitude to Mary (book sale chair), Kris (book sorting chair) and to their respective teams of volunteers for their extraordinary efforts all year long.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spending requests: We have received a request to donate toward the costs of the beautiful rain garden installation in front of the building, but we decided to table this item until we can discuss it and get more information from Amanda.

We approved purchase of a reduced the number of entrance passes to Zoo New England for this coming year. We wish to better advertise this benefit and track usage. These passes offer reduced admission prices for Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo and are available to our patrons without the one day/one pass restrictions of many of our other museum passes.

Discussion: We talked about how to best ensure that the full library staff is aware and continually updated about Friends' programs and activities so that they can inform our patrons in a timely manner and participate themselves, as well. Wendi will share our concerns and ideas (email updates, more prominent poster displays) with Amanda.

We will ask Liz P. to write an article regarding our Museum Pass program, and add Tuck Field and Hampton Parks and Recreation bulletin boards to our list of places to display flyers.

Mike Bisceglia is planning another article about the Friends organization for the Seacoast Scene. While helping with the book sale set-up, he also took a few pictures. He has asked Wendi and Linda Sadlock for more information. Linda sent us some notes of the history of the Friends, but we would prefer Mike to focus on present day activities and share prominently about what we do with the funds to help the library support the community rather than emphasize how we raise money. In particular, we would like to see more publicity about all the Museum Passes we purchase for the community to use for their enjoyment throughout the year, and the extensive Summer Reading Program we financially support which is currently underway for all ages, pre-schoolers to adults.

Kris moved to adjourn at 7:59; Patt seconded; motion passed.

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS MADE:

Tabled items: Annual meeting plans, Membership form update, Review of spending request procedures.

Authorized purchase of \$250 for Zoo New England reduced entrance fee passes.

Cancelled July meeting.

Share communication concerns with Amanda; talk with Liz about possible news article.

Increase advertising of our events, and museum passes.

Follow up with Amanda regarding the Raingarden installation.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 13, 2014 (Wednesday) 6:30 PM

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Flatbread Pizza fundraiser: July 8, 2014, 5– 9 p.m. (Tuesday)

Summer Reading Program Finale: August 7, 2014 (5-7PM)

Fall book sale: November 12-15, 2014 (Wednesday - Saturday)

Winter Craft Fair: November 22 (Details TBA)

Respectfully submitted,

Patt Walker, VP, acting as Recording Secretary