

# The Friends of the North Hampton Public Library

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

North Hampton Library

President Cynthia Swank called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. In attendance were Jane Boesch, Donna Etela, Vicki Jones, Hope Miller, Nancy Monaghan, and Jane Robie. Also attending were Judy Day, Library Trustee, and Susan Grant, Librarian.

Ms. Swank presented the Treasurer's Report, which was approved on a vote of 7-0.

The minutes from the January 18 meeting were approved 6-0-1 with Ms. Etela abstaining as she did not attend that meeting.

**Fund Raising:** Ms. Swank reported she looked into having Pay Pal, which will charge 2.2% plus \$.30 on each transaction. After brief discussion, it was approved 7-0 to move forward installing Pay Pal for future use. Susan Grant said she is working on putting it on the Library's website and will share how-to information with Ms. Swank, who will set it up for The Friends.

Nancy Monaghan reported she had gotten a price for printing 700 notecards using the Betsey Miller watercolors. With envelopes, the cards will cost \$373 or about \$.50 each. Ms. Monaghan will find and order the cellophane jackets to package the cards, and Ms. Grant noted that in the past, the drawing of the fish houses sold the most, and after discussion, it was agreed the cards will be printed as follows: 300 of the fish houses; 200 of the beach; and 200 of the Library.

**Library Makeover/Craig Room:** Ms. Swank reported the Craig Room Committee had met right after the January meeting to go over what The Friends might do to help make over the Craig Room. Hope Miller reported she had spoken to artist Mary Vermeersch, who is very happy with the Craig Room (now that the roof leaks are fixed) as an art display space. She said the only time excess equipment in the room might be a problem and probably should be removed is whenever a new exhibit has its opening event.

Ms. Monaghan reported on the key projects the committee identified as in need of a makeover: New floor, new cabinet under the TV to house all the scattered AV equipment, new shades to replace the cabbage rose curtains, painting the large blue cabinet so it doesn't stand out so much, and painting all the doors to eliminate the choppy look to the room. Ms. Monaghan had gathered prices for all the work but the cabinet, which Ms. Grant is working on. Ms. Swank announced that Judy Day and Larry Miller have offered to pay for the flooring (\$5641) as their contribution to The Friends.

Donna Etela said the room is too beige and there should be some color applied, probably on the folding doors. She suggested blue to coordinate with the blue children's supplies cabinet. She is concerned that painting that metal cabinet will lead to unsightly wear and tear. There was brief debate whether to hire a professional painter or use the town workers who would paint without charge except for the cost of the paint, and it was the

consensus to hire the professional painter. After lengthy discussion, the group voted 7-0 to move ahead with the floor and then assess how things look and go from there.

**Extended learning opportunities:** Ms. Grant has expressed interest in having a student to research, plan and implement the Library's use of social media, and to propose a marketing plan for same.

**Library requests:** Ms. Swank reported that Ms. Grant would like to have a volunteer from The Friends to handle the Library's used book sale. She suggested a couple times a month someone could set it up, then box up any books that haven't been sold and take them to a book donation location or elsewhere. Ms. Grant said the income from book sales is about \$600 a year, and there was debate whether the amount of work to do it is worth the effort. No one volunteered to take on the sales, and Ms. Swank said she'll put something in Friday Folders looking for a volunteer from the community.

Ms. Grant said she would like help developing a promotion for the library aimed at people who work in town and are eligible for a library card and various events. Vicki Jones volunteered to help given that she is working on the town's anniversary events and the timing would work well with September, which Ms. Grant pointed out is National Library Card Month.

Ms. Swank noted the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the library is this year, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35. **The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15 at 9:15 a.m.**

**Minutes prepared by  
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