

The Friends of the North Hampton Public Library

Wednesday, April 18, 2018
North Hampton Public Library

Cynthia Swank called the meeting to order at 9:34AM. In attendance: Lisa Peck, Hope Miller, Vicki Jones, Jane Boesch, Cynthia Swank, Donna Etela, as well as Library Director Susan Grant.

Treasurer's report: Hope Miller explained that the check from Community Oven from the February fundraiser had not been deposited yet because the Oven had sent the wrong check. Proceeds from the raffle and silent auction amount to \$526.00.

Lisa Peck noted that three large items relating to the Community Newsletter would be reimbursed by the Town. The cash balance at the end of March 2018 was \$10,290.10. The treasurer's report was approved.

Minutes from meeting of March 21, 2018: Approved as presented.

Old business:

Community Oven event: It was suggested that the Friends get back on the Community Oven calendar for another event. Hope Miller will check with management there as to how often events can be scheduled.

Friends scrapbooks: Andrea Vibbert still has to do title pages, but the four scrapbooks are otherwise completed. There was discussion of where to store them (probably in the small meeting room cupboard where they were before) and how to display them. Susan Grant suggested a table in the common area where they could be displayed (one at a time) and perused for ideas. Specific fundraisers could be identified in the annual appeal. Friends have raised money before for signage, equipment and furniture.

Cynthia noted that Friends events in the past have been 1) food related, 2) related to Old Home Day, 3) book programs, and 4) children programs.

Strawberry Festivals of the past sparked the idea of something blueberry related for Old Home Day which will be August 11, and organized by the Recreation Department. Ideas centered around a blueberry table offering baked goods as well as other blueberry products. The differences between two types of cake walks were explained - like musical chairs versus a silent auction. Consensus was that a "blueberry" table for Old Home Day was doable.

Friends/Trustees event: Discussion started over whether a "friend raiser" versus a "fund raiser" should be the place to start. If an event with alcohol (wine and appetizers) was wanted the possibilities would be Throwback Brewery or Centennial Hall. A summertime tent at Throwback might be less expensive than signing up for the whole restaurant. A weekday evening would be best, probably Thursday because of the Bandstand concerts on Wednesdays. Vicki Jones will check with Throwback and find out about dates, hours, numbers of invitees, and paying for the drinks/food.

Cynthia Swank will check with Centennial Hall about fees, permits, servers. It would be necessary to hire a caterer to serve food there.

Susan Grant stated that it would be good to attract younger families as well. Perhaps something could be done at the back-to-school picnic. Attending PAL meetings might also bring in new members.

Donna Etela agreed that both approaches should be tried. A Throwback event would attract couples.

Who to invite and how many would need to be decided.

Museum passes: A motion was made and approved for Susan Grant to go ahead with applying to the Portland Children's Museum for passes. They would cost \$150.

Logo: Jane Boesch has done some work on this but not come up with an appropriate logo yet.

New Business:

NHLTA annual meeting: Susan Grant and Susan Leonardi will be attending this meeting on May 14.

Library events: Susan Grant reported that a listening session on the library building program will be held on May 1; some people have been invited but it is also open to the public. There will be an edible book festival in May. May 31 there will be a program on "uncluttering" with a raffle for an hour of consultation. July 10 there will be a program on "bizarre" birds of the world. June-August tai chi will again be offered. And in November there will be a new program on Mount Washington by a man who has written a new book on the White Mountains.

Library building program: Susan Grant explained that interviews for a construction manager for the expansion have just been held. Once that person is hired, costs will be determined as well as building plans. Fund raising will follow that.

Closing: The meeting adjourned at 10:45AM. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 16, at 9:30AM at the Library.

Minutes prepared April 18, 2018
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