

The Friends of the North Hampton Public Library

Wednesday, April 19, 2017
North Hampton Public Library

President Cynthia Swank called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. In attendance were Jane Boesch, Donna Etela, Vicki Jones, Nancy Monaghan and Jane Robie. Also attending were Jacquie Brandt, Library Trustee; Judy Day, Library Trustee; Susan Grant, Librarian.

The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Jane Robie, seconded by Donna Etela. The minutes of the March 22, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Jane Boesch, seconded by Vicki Jones.

Craig Room Update

Nancy Monaghan reported that the Trustees had agreed to pay half the cost of the Mark Johnson custom cabinet, so The Friends' portion would be about \$1300. She said there is no resolution yet on the floor outlet that is too high. The floor man said we need an electrician, the electrician came and said he doesn't have the tool to do it, then the electrician met with the floor man and decided we need a plumber since plumbers have the type of tool needed. Ms. Monaghan has arranged for a plumber to look at the job next week. Susan Grant said Mark Johnson had suggested we get a hardwood top for the cabinet, and that he will keep the cost as low as possible. Donna Etela suggested Susan offer him a tax deduction letter if he'd do it free. A motion by Jane Boesch to authorize the payment of \$1325 for the custom cabinet, seconded by Jane Robie, was approved.

Summer Reading Program

Children's Librarian Connie Margowski had provided a list of all the activities for the program and suggested we might consider paying for the Squam Lake (\$250) and magic show (\$425) events. Ms. Boesch asked Ms. Grant about the Library's budget for the reading program, and Ms. Grant said many of the Library's programs are paid from unallocated funds, primarily from two specific grant funds totaling \$12,000. The total amount in the Library's operating budget for programming and supplies is \$4300. The group approved paying \$675 for both suggested events.

Museum Passes

Treasurer Lisa Peck and Ms. Grant had provided spreadsheets of museum pass cost and usage for the past four years. In 2016, the passes cost \$3,819 and were used 310 times. (The significant increase in cost over 2015 was from the Boston Aquarium (new, \$650), the Children's Museum (\$300, not purchased in 2015), and Fuller Gardens, (\$320 for 2015 passes but booked in 2016), according to those records.)

275th Town anniversary/125th Library anniversary

Ms. Grant said the Library will be open Memorial Day, and she'll prepare an historical timeline. October events are expected to include displaying plans for the new Library.

Notecards

Ms. Monaghan said all the supplies are on hand and we are ready for packaging the 700 notecards bought for resale (minus about 50 that are being used to replenish the supply for thank you notes). A “stuffing party” to put all the packages together was scheduled for Thursday, April 27 at 4 p.m.

Website

Ms. Jones said it would cost \$600 to \$1000 to have someone set up a website for us. It was agreed we really don't have enough material to support a website. Pay Pal is the issue, and since the Library is setting up Pay Pal we cannot use it since Pay Pal won't allow two accounts on the same website. Ms. Grant will look into whether The Friends could use the Library's Pay Pal account once it gets going.

Books on Wheels

Jane Robie suggested The Friends help deliver books to anyone who can't get to the library. Ms. Robie, Ms. Swank, Mrs. Boesch and Ms. Monaghan volunteered to do deliveries. Ms. Grant will call those on the volunteer list whenever a home delivery request is made, and if no one is available that day, she will personally deliver the books.

Library Foundation

Ms. Swank reported she had contacted both Lewis Roche and Jenny Marshall to invite them to meet with The Friends about ways we might coordinate fundraising with the Library Foundation. Mrs. Marshall did not respond, and Mr. Roche said he would have difficulty attending a Friends meeting. He said the Foundation has not met in more than a year. Ms. Grant said the Foundation was formed so funds to build a new Library could go through a 501(c)(3), which has different rules than the Library. She said some libraries direct capital funds through The Friends organizations which also have 501(c)(3) designation, but apparently this was not seriously considered. Ms. Swank said she gave Mr. Roche a copy of The Friends' bylaws, and she noted that Ms. Grant is the only person who is involved with the Foundation, The Friends and the Library, and she'll have to be our liaison. There was some discussion whether the Foundation is a public or a private organization, and Ms. Day said she will check into it.

Upcoming Library Events

Ms. Grant said there will be a short course on Islam on May 22, and that program at other libraries has been very popular. She noted John Perrault will be doing a poetry presentation next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m. The next meeting is **Wednesday, May 17 at 9:15 a.m.**

**Minutes prepared by
Nancy Monaghan, 4/19/17**