

# **The Friends of the North Hampton Public Library**

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

North Hampton Public 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, Lisa Peck and Jane Robie. Also attending was Librarian Susan Grant.

The minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting were approved with one correction to clarify the discussion was about the Friends' email list, not the Library's, in the third to last paragraph.

The treasurer's report was also approved, unanimously.

**Craig Room makeover.** Nancy Monaghan reported that Judy Day had sent a plumber to look at the floor plug but she did not have an update on where things stood. Susan Grant said maybe it would be easiest to deactivate that outlet and cover it over with flooring. She also reported that she told the cabinetmaker that the cabinet must be delivered in July, and he has promised to do that.

**NHPL&CC Foundation:** Ms. Swank reported that at the last Trustees' meeting there was lengthy discussion about the Foundation. (Hope Miller arrived at 9:25 and gave the background about why The Friends did not take the Library money, which totaled \$200,000 at the time and ultimately went into the Foundation instead.) She said it was too complicated an issue, with a separate bank account needed, for The Friends to handle. Ms. Grant said the Library wanted 501(c)(3) donor status and that she talked to the Attorney General's office at the time. They advised her that donations should be handled by The Friends or a foundation. The Friends members present expressed concern that former Trustees are on the Foundation Board but not two of the current Trustees, and they expressed concern about the Foundation's amendment that says if the Foundation is dissolved, the money would be disbursed to a charitable organization dedicated to an exempt purpose within 501(c)(3) rules. Ms. Grant said the Foundation's bylaws allow for up to seven Board members, and thus the two new Trustees could be added. She said the five people currently on the Board were the ones who were willing to serve at the time the Foundation was incorporated.

(Lisa Peck arrived at 9:40 and introductions were made.)

Ms. Swank will send to the Foundation board the sheet she had prepared with short blurbs about the Library, The Friends and the Foundation, and Ms. Grant said she would look at the Lee Foundation to see how their papers were set up.

**Recruitment of active members:** Ms. Swank said our target audience is Baby Boomers and the question is how to reach them. Ms. Grant said people come into the Library when they retire and sign up for a Library card now that they have time to read, and she suggested the Library could include in the new member packet a note from The Friends.

Donna Etela suggested The Friends have a coffee for volunteers of the Library. Ms. Grant said other Friends' groups do programs and perhaps we could identify some popular programs such as birds, cooking, computer classes and photography and try to get volunteers who are interested in those subjects.

**Community newsletter:** Ms. Swank thanked Lisa Peck and Hope Miller for providing information on the costs and history of the newsletter, which used to be mailed to every household in North Hampton but is now just distributed at the Library and at Town Hall, although it's available on line. The current cost is \$400 to print 150 copies three times a year, and Ms. Grant gathers all the information from various departments and boards and puts it together. Ms. Swank said one of the Select Board's goals is the community newsletter, and it was the consensus that The Friends should send a letter to the Select Board indicating our support for funding three issues to be mailed to all residents.

Ms. Swank said she was looking at some of the Town's old annual reports and suggested the Library section should include some short narrative about The Friends and about the Foundation.

(Nancy Monaghan left the meeting at 10:40, and Vicki Jones recorded minutes thereafter.)

Ms. Swank asked Ms. Peck to look into CD rates and recommend whether we should purchase one.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45. **Next meeting is Wednesday, July 19 at 9:15 a.m.**

Minutes prepared 6/25/17  
by Nancy Monaghan