

The Friends of the North Hampton Public Library

Wednesday, July 18, 2018
North Hampton Public Library

Presiding Officer Cynthia Swank called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. In attendance were Jane Boesch, Donna Etela, Hope Miller, Vicki Jones, and Nancy Monaghan. Also attending were Intern Emily Jeffrey, Librarian Susan Grant and Children's Librarian Connie Margowsky.

The Treasurer's report and the minutes of the June 20, 2018 meeting were approved as presented. Cynthia clarified that our bank balance is \$13, 125.95.

Museum Passes

A report supplied by Susan Grant showed the top three passes for 2017 were Fuller Gardens, New England Aquarium and Strawberry Banke. Donna Etela questioned why the charge for Fuller Gardens passes nearly doubled in 2016. Susan reported back that 100 people used passes in 2016 versus 60 in 2015.

Old Home Day

Cynthia said she notified Joe Manzi that The Friends will have tables outside and in the event of rain, we will move inside. Jane Boesch showed a number of blueberry items she has including a pillow, soap, and kitchen towels, and she said she can wrap them individually for sale or give one or more to the major gift basket. There is a small gift basket from Stonewall Kitchen that we'll sell, and Donna Etela will get a larger basket from them to raffle off. She will deliver it to the Library by August 3 so tickets can be sold in advance of the event. Emily Jeffrey said she is making a blueberry cutout for kids, and Connie Margowsky offered to help her make a sign. Hope Miller offered a blueberry recipe book if anyone wants to bake something for the event. The book will be in The Friends box in the workroom.

Connie is challenging teens to make some blueberry baked goods, either for sale at the event or to enter into a bakeoff contest. She will advise Cynthia by Friday, July 27 how this is going.

Cynthia passed out a signup sheet for people to staff the table. Some slots were filled but there are others still available. Anyone interested should let Cynthia know.

Friends/Trustees Event

After much discussion about trying to host a Friends' event at Throwback in September, it was decided unanimously not to do this but to focus our efforts on the fall fundraising project and look forward to a joint event with the Trustees at Jacqui Brandt's barn. Donna suggested we start thinking now about a theme for such an event.

School Event

School begins August 28, and the annual school event will be the week before. Connie will be there for the library. Jane Boesch volunteered to help Connie and Susan and represent The Friends.

Library Events August-September

Susan reported the Queen Bee Blues Band will perform August 9 at Town Hall at 6:30. Connie said Dungeons and Dragons will be held every week during July and August. There will also be a scouting skills program, a puppet show, and the Spanish language camps in August. Susan reported the Library has just acquired two ukuleles and a sewing machine.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 15 at 9:30 a.m.

**Minutes prepared July 22, 2018
by Nancy Monaghan**