

The Friends of the North Hampton Public Library

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Mary Herbert Room, Town Hall

President Cynthia Swank called the meeting to order at 9:15 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 Treasurer's Report and the minutes of the August 16,, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously, with Jane Robie abstaining on the minutes as she did not attend the August meeting.

Craig Room Makeover

Susan Grant reported the cabinet delivery has been postponed until the ceiling work is completed September 25.

Volunteer Appreciation Coffee

Ms. Swank said everything is on schedule and showed the invitation she had made up for the October 4 event.

Community Newsletter

Nancy Monaghan briefly described the new treatment for the front page of the newsletter, which is in production and will be mailed out before October 1.

Annual Appeal

Ms. Swank showed draft copies of the mail version (green) of the appeal brochure and the in-house version (lighter blue than last year's). A few suggestions for changes were pointed out and will be incorporated.

New Patrons/Newcomers Packet

Vicki Jones reported she is gathering up brochures, but she also noted that many people now have information only on line and aren't printing brochures. It was agreed we'll add the new town info page created for the newsletter (adding "Courtesy of The Friends of the North Hampton Library") and the Tips for New Residents box, also created for the newsletter.

October Election of Officers

Ms. Swank again called for candidates for Vice President, but there were no volunteers. Hope Miller said that as President, she will not be able to do all the work on the computer that Ms. Swank does, and Ms. Swank agreed to lend a hand.

Notecards

The mix-up in artist credit on the Library cards will be rectified by reprinting to credit Doris Rice. All the old cards have been pulled from the Library and will no longer be available. Ms. Monaghan reported that to print 200 new ones with envelopes will cost \$124, and that expense was approved unanimously. This only affects the cards showing

the library with bunting in front. Ms. Swank spoke with Ms. Rice and explained this was an innocent mistake caused by having several prints of older cards together, combined with the fact that the drawing by Betsey Miller and the one by Doris Rice are similar. Ms. Rice was very gracious about the error and the solution.

Little Free Libraries

Ms. Swank reported she had looked into the Little Free Libraries program – putting up small boxes with free books in public places – and everyone loved the idea. Dearborn Park and the North Hampton Beach were mentioned as two important locations. In order to call these Little Free Libraries” we must get a permit from the originators. We can also get kits from them but they cost between \$200 and \$1000 each. Mrs. Miller suggested we might find a friendly carpenter who’d be willing to make the boxes for us. More discussion of this project will take place at the next meeting.

North Hampton Library Foundation

Ms. Swank shared the letter from Foundation President Kelly Parrott a response to Ms. Swank’s June inquiry about having additional Library Trustees serve on the Foundation board. Ms. Parrott reported that the Assistant Director of the Office of the Attorney General had advised against adding Trustees (all Trustees were originally on the Foundation Board but now there is just one, Susan Leonardi) because it would essentially be a quorum of the Trustees.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25. **Next meeting: Wednesday, October 18, at 9:30 a.m. (Note change of time from 9:15 to 9:30.)**

**Minutes prepared October 1, 2017
by Nancy Monaghan**