

The Friends of the North Hampton Public Library

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

North Hampton Public Library

President Cynthia Swank called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. In attendance were Jane Boesch, Donna Etela, Vicki Jones, Hope Miller, Nancy Monaghan, Lisa Peck and Jane Robie. Also attending was Liz Herold for the Library.

Ms. Swank said she would like to change the order of the agenda because Mrs. Miller had to leave early. Swank also said that although Election of Officers is on the agenda, she would be presiding due to Miller's early departure.

Annual Appeal

Ms. Swank said the flyers are all ready to go, with slightly different colors than last year. It was decided to include all business addresses as well, and Ms. Peck said contributions usually total about \$50 from the business mailing.

Notecards

Ms. Monaghan reported she had gone to pick up the reprinted cards with Doris Rice being credited as the artist, and her name was spelled wrong (Dorris). She said she did not see this on the proof, the company will reprint, and she was going to pick up the new cards directly after the meeting.

Library Building Plan

Ms. Swank reported that the Library Trustees had agreed unanimously at their last meeting to proceed with adding on to the existing Library building rather than pursuing a new building. She and Ms. Herold said the architect is working on a plan that would include additions on three sides, thus doubling the space. As soon as the plans are ready, fundraising will begin and no further funds from taxpayers will be sought. The Trustees will reconstitute the Building Committee to get public input. Everyone was positive about the large expansion of space. Ms. Swank said it was especially nice to see the Trustees all working together so well.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Peck reported the balance is about \$10,000, which is off the normal \$15,000 due to increased expenditures over income. Additionally, there is a discrepancy in recognizing 2017 income, as donations were recorded in November and December of 2016 but the issue remains that we are spending more than we are bringing in. The report was approved unanimously

The minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Election of Officers

Ms. Peck was unanimously elected Treasurer for a two-year term. She said she will not be able to continue in this role after this next term. Ms. Swank said there is still no Vice

President candidate and she will delay the election until November so she and Mrs. Miller can discuss this further.
(Mrs. Miller left the meeting at 10:10.)

Craig Room Makeover

Everyone noted how nice the new cabinet looks. Ms. Monaghan reported the plaques for the wall should be done by the end of the week.

Volunteer Coffee

All agreed it was a nice event and it was good to meet the volunteers. Ms. Swank said one volunteer mentioned he thought the gathering would be more a focus group format. Discussion ensued about how to get more people interested in taking part with The Friends. Ideas mentioned: Use the new building plans to generate interest; invite people who donate through the annual appeal, those who already support the Library in some fashion; and ask the members of the book club.

Community Newsletter

Ms. Swank said the total cost was \$2,021.68. She reported Susan Grant mistakenly left out one article about the Bandstand Committee's brick project. Ms. Monaghan reported Ms. Grant had copied the newsletter with the brick project story included, and those were available at the town offices. It's also included with the newsletter on the website.

New Patrons Folder

Ms. Monaghan reported the two pages of resident information that debuted in the Community Newsletter were made into a flyer with a tagline added that it's courtesy of The Friends, and Ms. Grant has included that in the new patron folder. Town Clerk Susan Buchanan wants about 20 to hand out to people.
(Jane Robie left the meeting at 10:35.)

Little Free Libraries

Although everyone likes the idea, it was determined this is a project we won't pursue any further and instead, focus efforts on getting people into the library and perhaps finding some fun community events we could sponsor to bring people together and generate interest in The Friends.

Ms. Swank reported she added a note to the Friday Folders asking for a volunteer scrapbooker to put together the mass of Friends' clippings in the cabinet. Ms. Peck said she would like to propose searching for a volunteer to be social director to put together some community activities (discussion to be continued).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45. **Next meeting: Wednesday, November 15, at 9:30 a.m.**

Minutes prepared October 21, 2017
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