



Friends of the Sandown Public Library Minutes

March 22, 2010

Members in Attendance: Sue Ahern, Eleanor Bassett, Paula Bonin, Louise Chartier, Vicki Diem, Sue Dupouy, Dotty Enos, Elaine Garvey, Steven Holland, Nell Keif, Vera Kirk, Barbara Lachance, Sue LaFleur, Hazel Marlow, Dawn Mazur, Pete Stock, Tricia Thomas, Anna Wicks, Susan Yeroyan

Welcome to our newest member-Pam McGravey and three of the Trustees: Diana True, Steve Clifton and Tina Owens

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm. January minutes were reviewed. Pete made a motion to accept minutes, Eleanor 2nd, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The balance as of 1/15/10 was \$2,746.05. Income was \$689.42 and expenses were \$770.97. The Deliberative Session brought in \$381.77, plus a \$20 donation totaling \$401.77 and after expenses our grand total for the session was \$353.23. The balance is \$2,664.50. Eleanor motioned to accept report, Anna 2nd, all in favor.

Old Business: The Friends write-up was in the "Happenings" section of Tri-Town Times. The Deliberative Session went smoothly. Barbara said that adding the minutes and membership form to the website is ok and so is having flyers by the display case. The Facebook page Barbara will continue to work on this. There are about 30 bookbags left, so we are all set right now. Raffle Baskets for April/May, Paula B and Louise will go shopping for summer/gardening seeds, tools, supplies and books, to make up a basket.

New Business:

- **Plant/Bake/Book Sale:** Will be held on May 22nd from 9-1. Save your gardening supplies and please start gathering donations for plants. We are going to Wellington Garden (Vicki), Tulip Tree, Home Depot, Lakestreet, Freshwater Farms (Barbara), CSA-veggies (Trisha) For a cover letter please see Barbara. Everyone please check for plant donations. This year we need to advertise early, by putting reminders in the paper and taking a photo in front of the library sign holding plants. Paula B. suggests putting a reminder on the library sign as well as "Plant Donations Welcome!" Deb Paul from Tri-Town Times wants to help/donate plants this year.

Long Range Strategic Plan for Library Brainstorm List with Trustees

S.W.A.T Analysis

Strengths	Weakness	Opportunities	Threats
Trustees	Handicap accessibility	Media center-Kindle /display, LCD's/Flatscreen	Funding
Friends	Meeting space	Cooperation with Recreation Committee	Other libraries
Staff	Quiet area	New library/addition	Technology
Materials: books/variety	Outdoor garden area for story hour	Coffee	Global needs-where we fit in our community in this economy
Interlibrary loan	Storage space	Establish goals for groups	
Need it, they get it-buy it	Parking lot-tight	Book discussion groups (ages, demographics, profiles)	
New materials		More variety of adult learning opportunities	
Quick		More seasons for adult learning opportunities	
Books on CD/tape		NH Humanities Council	
Kindle		Grant Writing	
Website		Work with schools	
Computers			
Support from town			
Newspaper collection			
Hours-long			
Museum passes			
Programs: children/adults			
Social place/gathering			

*This is going to help the Trustees reach goals to go forward for the library and community.

Presidents Report:

- Museum of Science pass is up for renewal. The cost is \$600, we are asking \$300 from Friends and \$300 from Library. It is the 2nd most popular pass, taken out 68 times in 2009. Sue L motioned to pay \$300 for pass, Dawn 2nd, all in favor.
- Summer Reading Program: Jen will be attending a meeting for this soon and will let us know what she needs for summer programming. She would love to do the ice cream social again.
- At the last meeting of Library Directors, they had a presentation from Oonagh Williams on Gluten Free Foods like Irish Soda Bread. Would the Friends be interested in sponsoring a program in June (Theme-Outdoors Life) with this speaker? She could do a 2 hour presentation on Sensational Salads and was featured on WMUR's Cook's Corner. Cost is \$200 plus mileage (approx. \$30) and cost of food. She is flexible for dates/times. We can accommodate 40 people at library for this event. Vera motioned expending money in June for presentation, Pete 2nd, all in favor.
- April is National Library Week. Theme is "Communities Thrive at the Library". There will be a scavenger hunt for words around the town. There will be words on signs around town and people need to find them/location/definitions, then return to the library to enter them into a contest for prizes. Prizes may include gift certificates to local businesses.
- Bookmarks-Julie Ball (librarian) made a sketch of the library for April. Library info is on back. Steve made a motion to pay \$125 to purchase 400 laminated bookmarks, Sue L. 2nd, all in favor.
- NH Library Trustees Meeting/Spring Conference: Inviting the Friends Monday, May 3rd at the Portsmouth Sheraton during the day. Discussions will be on recruiting, fundraising, and selling.
- Selling books online: Working with area libraries. They take the books from our book room, bar codes them and sells them. At the end of the month, they total the books sold and split the profit. They do all the work and get good prices for them. Barbara will look into it further and ask more questions.
- The Friends is not designated as (501c3) IRS tax exempt, non-profit charitable organization status to protect ourselves as an organization for large donations of money. It entails time and can be costly (\$800-\$1,000). Barbara will talk with Eleanor regarding lawyer.

Other:

Our next meeting will be held on May 17th at 7pm. Sue D. will bring refreshments. Pete moved to adjourn at 8:34pm, Dawn 2nd, all in favor.

Minutes respectfully prepared by Dawn Mazur, Secretary