

FRIENDS OF THE NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC.

A regular monthly meeting of the Friends of the Norfolk Public Library, Inc. was held at Norfolk Public Library on Monday, May 6th, 2019.

Attendance: Courtney Allen, Barbara Byron, Karen Gallup, Stephanie Hamel, Robert Light, Francine McCarthy, Nanci Murphy, Emily Nicodemus, Libby O'Neill, Betty Rice, Eleanor Royston, Sarah Ward, and Glenn Hill, Library Trustee.

Nanci Murphy, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. We welcomed Alison Lane to the group and introduced ourselves.

The minutes from the last meeting were attached to the email reminder of this meeting. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

Treasurer's report: \$20,556.25 in - @\$2,199 out. Net of \$18,357.25 approx.

Trustees report: First of three strategic planning meetings has been held. 25 paper surveys have been returned and 76 filled out online. Reasons for using the library were: checking out books, digital material, museum passes, attending meetings not sponsored by library, quiet place. Emily will be putting forms on our website so that we can access them. A formal petition has been made to change the official address of the library to Liberty Lane as there is no access at current address of 189 Main Street. Next trustees meeting is May 15th, 6:15pm. Robert Light will attend.

Library Director's report: Libby presented her budget for next year bottom line is \$27,080, about \$1500 more than last year. Libby is looking for Quikbooks workshop leader – Simultaneous "Beth"s were heard. Community reads with Erin Morgenstern has no set date as yet. Libby wrote received grant from Mass Cultural Council for \$2500 which we need to match some of it. Author charges \$2000 plus minimum of 15 books bought. Brew nite in community room July 19th 6:30. Two breweries have committed. Hoping for two more.

New Business: Emily attended a meeting of Friends Sharing with Friends. Several libraries have Maker's Spaces where equipment is available like 3-D printer, sewing machine. Some have the machines but not the support to man them. There were lots of questions about how we run our Book & Bake sale. They were very impressed with our success.

Book & Bake Sale: Suggestions for next year – Sign for free food on Friday night, more maps, no balloons again. Paul Vito is retiring and Dan is taking over as our liaison. Comment from DPW after sale "You've got to be kidding me! This place is spotless!" Discover Books will be picking up books all year. We won't be paying them and they won't be paying us. Something to think about. Fire Department will be using DPW to park fire engines during their renovations next year. Nanci will keep tabs on what this might mean for the sale. Numbers from

2019 B&BS – Income –	\$20,556.25	Expenses -	\$2,199.00	Net income	\$18,357.25
2018 B&BS	\$18,172.24		\$2,217.12		\$15,955.12

Annual meeting is next month. Emily and Eleanor presented slate of officers

President- Nanci Murphy

First Vice President – Stephanie Hamel

Membership Chair – Eleanor Royston

Secretary – Karen Gallup

Treasurer – Stephanie Knoch

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

The next meeting is the annual meeting on June 3rd 7pm in the Old Schoolhouse

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Gallup, secretary