

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 Tuesday Dec 3, 2019.

Attendance: Courtney Allen, Barbara Byron, Karen Gallup, Stephanie Hamel, Alison Lane, Robert Light, Francine McCarthy, Nanci Murphy, Libby O'Neill, Jodi Pappas, Betty Rice, Eleanor Royston, Sarah Ward, and Ken Nelson, Library Trustee.

Nanci Murphy, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01

The minutes from the last meeting were attached to the email reminder of this meeting. Karen asked if there were any comments or corrections. There were none so the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Treasurer's report: Still have opening for treasurer position. In good shape \$28,023.82 cash on hand and \$45,607 in CDs

Trustees report: Last book group held at Sr Center had 4 attendees. Library holding Family event called Cabin Fever Feb 7th – board games. Program titled Living Room Conversations in 2020 – check website for more info. William O'Donnell speaker about home owner's issues. March there will be a Celtic concert. Approved annual review of meeting room policy and discussion and approval of write up regarding what trustees responsibilities are. Circulation of both physical and ebooks has gone up every month. FYI – ebooks cost much more for libraries than for individual consumer - \$60 vs \$15. MacMillan actually embargos their new releases to libraries for 8 weeks Suggestion to boycott MacMillan. There is a petition on the American Library Association's website.- ALA.org also at ebooksforall.org Next meeting Dec 18th at 6:15 up for discussion and vote Trustee By-laws and exhibition policy and library-initiated program policy Stephanie will attend.

Library Director's report: Libby – cookie swap March 22nd at 11 AM – Author talks Anthony Sammarco Mon Dec 23rd 7pm on Christmas Traditions – Friends Speed dating March 7th 2pm targeting 20-30 year olds. Newsletter ready for FRESH mailing Request for n\$ for new shelving cart to be reserved for program use \$322.99 and new shape cutter \$300 proposed seconded and approved Courtney 50 people attended Frozen program – Tween club going well – Advisory Board not taking off – more outreach at school needed. Smartboard is installed in Teen space donated by school. Holidays around the World program – cookie decorating station – winter read – Noon Year's Eve program. Stuffed animal sleep over – PJ drive – Video game palooza tournament Virtual Reality for teenagers- adults.

Sarah – stuff Library film/negative converters, giant checkers, cordless drill, insta pot, kitchen aid pasta cutter attachments

Membership: Elli reported that we brought in \$1300 at the BB&S membership table. Stephanie and Francine are in charge of FRESH mailing. Sunday January 26th sign up sheet at January meeting Have room from 9-3 usually lasts 10-2ish – need more glue sticks

Book & Bake Sale: Need raffle basket theme Suggestions Fantasy < Fairy Tales, Mythology, Imagine your Story, (ie something experience based Aquarium tickets Budget \$150 for two – Sarah is in charge. NEED schleppers – perhaps older kids for school required volunteer hours?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05

The next meeting is January 6th at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Gallup, secretary