

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, January 6, 2020.

Attendance: Courtney Allen, Barbara Byron, Karen Gallup, Stephanie Hamel, Ann Hanssen, Bridget Irish, Alison Lane, Robert Light, Susan McCarthy, Emily Nicodemus, Libby O'Neill, Jodi Pappas, Sharon Pierce, June Reinhardt, Betty Rice, Eleanor Royston, and Patti McCarty, Library Trustee.

Stephanie Hamel, Vice President, due to Nanci's absence, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

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 was a misspelling of the name of the author who spoke about Christmas Traditions – should have been Sammarco. The minutes stand approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report: SUSAN MCCARTHY HAS VOLUNTEERED TO BE OUR TREASURER!!
We have approximately \$30,800 cash on hand and \$45,700 in CDs

Trustees report: The NPL operating budget for FY2021 discussion has started. Three policies were discussed – exhibition policy, library internal program policy, and trustee by-laws. Points of discussion - MacMillan and eBooks, going fine free a new movement among some libraries. During 2019, \$7000 was collected which goes into Town of Norfolk's general fund. \$20,000 uncollected fines, may eliminate punitive damages, discussed use of collection agency, and time limited amnesty. Next trustees meeting is 2/19 Stephanie will attend and Bridget will attend the March meeting.

Old Business: Website – Emily reminded us of the password protected area on our website. About us: TAB Friends use: password is NPLFriends139

New Business: Community volunteer event at the library called "Calling All Volunteers" promoted by a Norfolk couple on Sunday March 15 from 12-3pm Please let Nanci or Stephanie know if you can help out.

Library Director's report: No requests- did purchase the cart and silhouette cutting machine that were requested last month. 25 people at author talk, 15 kids at video game event, 130 people at Noon Year's Eve event. There is a children's winter read for January. Knit & crochet has moved to 2pm on Thursdays. Cabin Fever nite February 7th – parents and kids have separate activities. Speed dating March 7th. Air fryer cooking demo moved to May 7th

Book & Bake Sale: Sarah is in charge of the two raffle baskets and will have them ready for display early February. 17% of the volunteer slots are filled. Ann H said yes to her usual spot but will need more help. Mary Lou Haddad and June R. will do pricing. Need another front person Friday night

Membership: FRESH mailing January 26th in the library Community room from 10 til done usually around noon. Offering service hours for high school students. All printed materials are set. We currently have approx. 380 Friends and are sending out 5000 letters. Have averaged \$13000 over last three years. Considering using paypal for membership/donations as so few have paper checks. Suggestion – a poster at events "Enjoyed this presentation?" Join us or donate to help bring you more!"

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56

The next meeting is February 3rd at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Gallup, secretary