

## FRIENDS OF THE NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC.

A regular monthly meeting of the Friends of the Norfolk Public Library, Inc. was held at NPL schoolhouse on **Tuesday, November 1, 2022**.

**Attendance:** Courtney Allen, Barbara Byron, Karen Anderson-Cunningham, Harry Dorman, Karen Gallup, Lisa Hawver, Stephanie Hamel, Alison Lane, Kavya Machetira, Susan McCarthy, Michelle McDonough, Nanci Murphy, Emily Nicodemus, Ted Petrakos, Elissa Rosenthal, Eleanor Royston, Sarah Ward, and Ken Nelson, Library Trustee.

Nanci Murphy, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Given by Susan.

- Approximately \$81,000 in all accounts.
- In-Library Book Sale raised \$200.
- Susan attended a ZOOM Webinar about fund raising ideas for Friends groups. Button making with old books caught her attention and the library already owns a button maker. Perhaps also laminated bookmarks? Food for thought – let Nanci know if you are interested in these fundraising projects.

**Trustees report:** Given by Ken.

- No meeting in October. Next meeting Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in schoolhouse. Will be reviewing October agenda and November policies to be reviewed.
- An update on the state of physical plant will be given by Matt Haffner.

**Old Business:**

- By Laws – Harry moved to approve, and Susan seconded.
- Main Sign at street still needs a new address – Friends may contribute half of cost

**Library Director's report:** Given by Sarah.

- Sarah “introduced” Courtney as the new Associate Director.
- Two new employees at the library - Adam Hammeyer and Sarah Durand.
- There is a 10-15 hour circulation position open.
- Upcoming Programs:
  - Pie Basics online with Liz Barbour on 11/9.
  - Kate will lead pumpkin buttons noon on Thursday 11/3
  - Read it & Eat it which Sarina Blum started 7 years ago, cookbook book club – half bake harvest this month
  - No Fail Crafts with Pie garland.
  - Courtney: 3 story times and is still doing story hour in interim.
  - Youth program updates:
    - Lego builders up to 2x a month
    - advisory board is getting craft kit together to sell Dec 10, and looking for more ideas to make \$ - button making perhaps, or collage bookmarks (Elissa has done them)
    - personal fitness for teens Jan/Feb
    - learning through video games
    - One Up Games holding tournaments virtually with the library in coordination with other libraries
    - teen advisory board and tween advisory board applications available online

**Book & Bake Sale:**

- Discussed about difficulty with some of the dealers – bigger men in charge of confronting and keeping their behavior in line.
- Also, idea of explaining rules to dealers and other people waiting in line – perhaps also a poster with these rules written out in order of importance?
- Also discussed whether it was appropriate for Jim James of Park Street Books in Medfield to come and buy books during the year, no objections were raised.

**Membership:** Given by Stephanie.

- Mailing Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> 9AM-noon. Will send around a sign-up sheet. Karen A-C, Michelle and Stephani setting it up. KP Volunteers through Emily's granddaughter will also help – and everyone that can help should come help.
- The year for membership will run from January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Categories were discussed and agreed upon:
    - Bill the Bear Friend - \$100, receives book inscription
    - Best Friend - \$50, receives book inscription
    - Friend - \$30, receives book inscription
    - Dealer - \$25 (new category)
    - Senior Citizen Friend - \$10
    - "I want to donate" – leave it blank to avoid confusion
  - Removed "Book Buddy" (\$20) and "Premier Friend" (\$75) categories

**Other:**

- Friends – send your job descriptions to Nanci
- Donor mailing this year – Karen will help Lisa

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm

**The next meeting is Tuesday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> in person at Schoolhouse. January will be zoom only.**