FRIENDS OF THE NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC.

A regular monthly meeting of the Friends of the Norfolk Public Library, Inc. was held in the Library Schoolhouse on **Monday**, **March 4**, **2024**.

Attendance: X indicates person was in attendance

Name	Attend?	Name	Attend?
Courtney Allen	\boxtimes	Susan McCarthy	
Sue Asensio		Patti McCarty	
Kate Aucella		Michelle McDonough	
Carla Azersky	\boxtimes	Nanci Murphy	
Callan Bignoli	\boxtimes	Mary Murphy	
Barbara Byron		Ken Nelson, Trustee	
John Creeden		Emily Nicodemus	\boxtimes
Diane Cullen		Jennifer Oliver	
Karen Cunningham-Anderson		Jodi Pappas	
Harry Dorman	\boxtimes	Ted Petrakos	
Emily Ellen	\boxtimes	Betty Rice	
Karen Gallup		Allison Riendeau	
Stephanie Hamel	\boxtimes	Elissa Rosenthal	
Lisa Hawver	\boxtimes	Eleanor (Ellie) Royston	
Jill Kennedy	\boxtimes	Lynne Sarikas	\boxtimes
Stephanie Knoch		David Sok	
Alison Lane		Fran Sullivan	
Cindy Ladue		Sarah Ward	\boxtimes
Kavya Machettira			

Nanci Murphy, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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 no changes so the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Library Director's report: Given by Sarah

- Saturday Matt is leaving
 - he is taking more responsibility at the law firm
- Library speakers consortium author talks \$2500/year and you have access to live feeds and back logs. See if we can partner with COA and split the cost. Will ask Friends in May for funds
- Strategic plan meetings date finalized this week might be April, May, June meetings (Susan, Callan, Stephanie)
- Library is opening at 2pm on Monday March 18th due to staff strategic plan meeting
- Courtney- writer's group, fiber arts, no fail craft, nancy drew talk on 7th and can provide value of nancy drew books, 12th clear your clutter with Susan, April 3rd kitchen materials swap (bowls, whisks etc), April 4th author talk with Virginia Rafferty?
- Allison stamp paint programs are filling up fast, paint night for littles, clay cactus, felted hedgehog program pop up art school for teens, mario kart tournament on 21st on early release day, fairytale STEM program, pokemon programming, monthly sensory program for all ages and abilities, April 1 teen program with pizza and needle punch crafting
- David's computer take apart program had great turnout, he 3D printed dragons and had a paint dragon night

Hoopla – checkouts are coming down to 5, Hoopla has to change it. Feb bill was \$1100.
 Phase out hoopla and put money towards programming or purchasing more Libby books that we would own forever. Maybe get rid of Hoopla after the summer or end of fiscal year.

Book & Bake Sale: Given by Nanci

- Emily has a fundraiser raffle Dr. Seuss Quilt we need another table Friday and Saturday,
 \$10 raffle tickets. Need raffle permit \$25 at town hall (Nanci).
- Lynne selling cards at the book sale proceeds go directly to the Friends \$10 per package of cards (4 cards in a package), and keep it separate from the quilt and membership
- Feature Emily and Lynne in newsletter announcing their crafts
- Emily signs all set? Jill is going to help with the layout
- Outdoor signs put them out Lisa will do it 2 weeks ahead of time, and we have to take them
 down too
- Food and water for Wednesday for the boy scouts need someone to help arrange and have food delivered (BJs food and cutlet platter?)
- Mary and Donna bake sale need more stuff this year!
- Boy scout coordinator needed Wed, Fri, Sat
- CDs and DVDs a lot of people are considering going back to DVDs so we are not going to lower the price now
- Sarah will do a timelapse again this year David was elected to help!
- Pricing adult and young adult Hardback/paperback \$2, small paperback \$1, children's hardback \$1, children's paperback 50 cents, teacher's books are same pricing as children's books, foreign language kids go with foreign language adults
- It will be on bookfinder

Treasurer's Report: Given by Susan – February 2024 report

- Revenue: TOTAL \$10,150
 - Cash Contributions
 - Corporate Sponsors \$2,500.00
 - Total Cash Contributions \$ 500.00
 - o In-Library Book Sales \$265.00
 - Membership Dues
 - FRESH Membership Drive \$9.385.00
 - Total Membership Dues \$9,385.00
- Expenditures TOTAL \$ 4,391.18
 - Bank Service Charges 215.28
 - o Friends Expenses: TOTAL \$1,315.40
 - Book and Bake Sale Expenses 1,268.00
 - Membership Drive
 - Postage Fresh 47.40
 - Grants To Norfolk Library 850.50
 - Southwick 2.010.00
 - Total Grants To Norfolk Library \$ 2,860.50
- Net Operating Revenue \$ 5,758.82
- Interest on CD's 32.44
- Net Revenue \$ 5,791.26
- Our CD is moving to around 5% earnings we had \$48,000-ish in money market

Trustee's Report: Given by Ken

- Meeting Feb 12 2 guests new town facilities manager gave briefing on status of building (replace current boiler and install new nitrogen generator for sprinkler system), and David Sok also attended
- Reviewed policies collection development, bulletin board, final draft of maker space in March, updates to borrowing policy

- March 13 at 6:30 in schoolhouse is next meeting
- Will review safety and security procedures and policy and tutoring policy
- Added to monthly town schedule for pest control

Membership: Given by Nanci

- We have a little bit less membership at this time compared to last year
- Sponsors should be getting Dedham and Rockland Trust
- Ellie is filling this right now but we have an open spot!!! January-April is the busiest time LYNNE!!!! Welcome!

Other/Ongoing:

- Friends send your job descriptions to Nanci
- Remember that meetings are now first Monday of the month at 6:30PM (beginning March 6).
- Reschedule 5/6 meeting to May 13th

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

The next meeting is Monday, April 1 at 6:30PM – location Library Schoolhouse. Will also have zoom available.