



FRIENDS OF THE
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MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2023

In Attendance: Nancy Zienkiewicz-President, Suzanne Belanger-Vice President, Helen Dutton-Treasurer, Lea Anderson-Smith-Member at Large, Greg Smith, Brenda Cannon, Angela Kriese, Heleen Kurk

Library Staff: Clay Kriese-Library Director, Karen Metcalf-Children's Librarian

Called to order at 6:31 pm. - virtually

Approval of 1-24-23 draft minutes – M/S/P

Reports:

1. President

- a. Nancy reviewed & updated notebook of Friends' records in the library (behind the circulation desk).
- b. Helen & Nancy updated TD Bank signatures.
- c. Haven't heard back from Rotary Club on presentation we need to do in return for the grant that was awarded in 2022. Heleen suggested we could invite Rotary Club to a continental breakfast at the library for the presentation.

2. Treasurer

- a. We now have 10 paid members equally \$100 in dues (including 5 former members who don't come to meetings)
- b. We have received \$1,320 in Above & Beyond donations
- c. \$150 in expenses for Children's Museum pass.
- d. Current Balance is \$4,336
- e. Budgeted income \$5,000
- f. TD Bank has a donation program called the Affinity Program. If you advise TD of this code **AH533** and ask them to link either your TD Bank checking or savings account, TD Bank will make a small annual donation at no cost to you.

3. Library Director

- a. See the museum park pass usage report. Usage is encouraging.
- b. Squam Lake – might want to reconsider renewing. Only 18 times used in the last year, with a cost of \$300/year. Decide in May.
- c. Shepherd Discovery Center was only used 13 times since last Aug. Doesn't cover planetarium. Expires in Aug. Revisit renewing.
- d. State parks – 28 people used this. Renew in May for \$105
- e. See Science Center – lots of use. Decide in June.

- f. Children's Museum of NH – no users as of 2/24, but only have had it 1 month. 1 user this week.
- g. These passes do bring new people into the library.

Announcements: None

Old Business:

- a. **Bylaws** – a vote was held to approve the Bylaws, as amended, regarding conflict of interest. This now brings us into alignment with State requirements. **M/S/P**
- 2. **Membership Drive including Above & Beyond**
 - a. 10 paid members, \$1320 in Above & Beyond donations.
- 3. **Events Committee** - Lea, Angela, Suzanne - discussion on updated list of fundraisers & events
 - a. Silent Auction – just getting started. Brenda to send list of breweries who have donated to silent auctions in the past to Greg/Dianne/Helen. Gift cards, glassware, case of beer. Greg agreed to work with Helen on STEM solicitations.
 - b. Our wish list includes non-capital items which total \$1,100. The group felt it was important to focus on these for fundraising.
 - c. Aim for 50/50 raffle at Old Home Day, Aug. 12.
 - d. At May meeting – discuss additional events for Fall.
 - e. Could approach casinos about donation. 35% of their earnings need to go to non-profits. Greg will look into this more & report back at our March meeting.
- 4. **2023 Calendar** – Reviewed and updated. Everyone agreed the calendar is a working document.
- 5. **Bulletin board** – Angela will work with Greg on design. We need a larger space so Clay is willing to remove the Super Smash Brothers poster. Friends could purchase a new bulletin board for our use, not to exceed \$100. Heleen will donate up to \$100 for this cost. (Thank you, Heleen!) Helen will measure area and purchase new bulletin board.
- 6. **Friends webpage** – new forms for membership and Above & Beyond donations have been added. Nancy provided page updates to Clay. He made these changes the beginning February. Thank you, Clay!
- 7. **Vision/mission/purpose updates** – no additional updates. Regarding the Articles of Incorporation, Helen will try to find out where we can find these. Heleen suggests we contact the Secretary of State's office.

New Business:

- 1. Summer reading program funding request
 - a. Karen presented her proposal for the summer reading program. Events and supplies will cost approximately \$1,014. The \$510 requested for the two proposed speakers (Bryson Lang: Comedy-Juggler and UNH SeaTrek: Whales & Dolphins) was approved so they can be scheduled. **M/S/P**. Additional request

for supplies & materials tabled until the next meeting. Some additional events, however, will be held at no cost.

- b. Foam Party (\$400) and UNH Little Red Wagon Play (\$550) are wish list items that would be nice but are not budgeted for 2023 and won't happen unless there are excess funds.
 - c. Last year about \$2,300 was spent on children's and adult summer programs, with only \$40 of that for the adult program. \$2,200 has been budgeted for this year. Small requests are likely to come for this year's adult program.
 - d. An individual from New Hampshire Astronomical Society contacted Karen about their library telescope program. Possible telescope purchase \$350. Could be used for events and could be checked out by library patrons. A number of nearby libraries participate in this program. Karen will send Nancy his information.
2. National Library Workers Day - March 7; National Librarian Day - April 16
- a. 8 library staff
 - b. White Birch Eatery in Goffstown will deliver. Clay will respond with date that works for the staff, probably March 7. Nancy will call the restaurant to make arrangements. 9:00 delivery.

Next meeting: March 28 - 6:30 p.m. - Sawyer Room

Action Steps:

Action	Who	By When
Old Home Day registration	Heleen to get form to Nancy	asap
New Hampshire Astronomical Society: contact info, details on program	Karen will send to Nancy. Nancy will get detailed information.	Next meeting
Library Staff Appreciation	Nancy	3/7/2023
Discuss specific fundraiser events for the Fall	Members	May meeting
Retrieve a copy of the Friends' Articles of Incorporation	Helen, Nancy	asap
Information about casino donations to non-profits	Greg	March meeting
Decision as to whether to renew pass to Squam Lake & Shepherd Discovery Center	members	May meeting

Decision as to whether to renew pass to See Science Center	Members	June meeting
Continued discussion re summer programs	Members	March meeting

Respectfully submitted by Lea Anderson-Smith, Secretary Pro-Temp

Approved