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## MINUTES FOR JULY 25, 2023

### **Approval of 5-23-23 draft minutes - M/S/P**

### **Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Nancy Zienkiewicz-President, Helen Dutton-Treasurer, Debbie Farr-Secretary, Suzanne Belanger-Vice President, Brenda Cannon, Dianne Hathaway, Lindsey Hilliard, Angela Kriese.

Library Staff: Clay Kriese-Library Director

### **Reports:**

#### **President**

- Rotary visit - Suzanne & Nancy attended the Rotary meeting. Great meeting. The Rotary encouraged us to apply again next year, although grants may be smaller & fewer. About half of the Goffstown Rotary members are actually from Weare (the Rotary covers Goffstown, Weare, New Boston, & Dunbarton.)
- Nancy is actively working with our Facebook page which helped with donations and attendance at the auction.

#### **Treasurer**

YTD-income \$5457; budget \$5050. Expenses are \$2168 to date; leaving us a balance of \$3066. Funds in bank are currently \$6245. The Silent Auction raised \$3145 (last year's total was \$980). It was noted, however, that what we collected was only 59% of what the stated value was. Helen had also put together a chart showing comparisons to other years.

### **Announcements**

1. Thelma's retirement - next Thursday, Aug. 3, noon to 2, there will be cake at the library to thank her for her service. A card was passed around for members to sign. If you want to donate to a gift card to Tuckaway Tavern, get money to Clay by Friday, July 28. Clay will post a Facebook page announcement about the event.
2. Debbie spoke about the Friends to those who attended the juggler event.
3. Nancy attended the summer library reading kickoff to talk about the Friends and has also attended the June & July Library Trustees meetings.

### **Old Business:**

1. **Membership & Above & Beyond updates - 25 members currently**
2. **Events**
  - a. Silent Auction summary - Dianne/Suzanne gave a brief summary. Dianne said the committee was pleased with the turnout (it was hot & humid). Had an 'after-action' meeting - what went well, what could've gone better, what to do differently next time resulting in thinking better

marketing, more marketing beyond just the library (newsletters, bulletin boards, etc.) would be helpful. Some brief discussion regarding arranging items differently next year to increase bids. Thank you notes will go out soon (we need to include other volunteers, the committee, people who purchased things). For next year, we may consider opening up the auction to early bids online and doing some add-on ideas to appeal to kids or those who couldn't afford to bid on the items. Bottom line, the committee has lots of notes for next year. Items not picked up were brought to the library to get picked up - Nancy included membership information. All money was finally received (although one item still has yet to be picked up).

- b. Old Home Day Raffle - August 12, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Nancy recommends that we really use this event to talk about the Friends and what we do & how they can participate (use TD affinity program, purchase a ticket, join as a member, etc.). We will give away one book with each raffle ticket to help move some of the books from our shed. Price of the raffle tickets will be \$1 plus 1 free ticket for each group of 5 tickets (\$5 = 6 tickets, \$10 = 12 tickets, etc.). **M/S/P** Clay & Angela will do popcorn; several have also volunteered to work shifts. For safety, we will bring increments of \$100 into the library; checks will be accepted. Debbie will email members to see if they want to help.
  - c. Fall fundraisers; other events - tabled to September's meeting
3. **Passes to be funded;** Currier Museum of Art, McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, New England Aquarium, Children's Museum of NH are all up for renewal. After analyzing the usage chart, we will renew Currier & NE Aquarium at this time. **M/S/P**. The group decided, with Clay's input, that we will not renew McAuliffe/Shepard Discovery Center. In the meantime, we'll also research other venues that people may be interested in. Debbie suggested we have some information and/or a chart available for people to indicate which passes they may be interested in when we are at Old Home Day. We'll discuss Children's Museum of NH in Sept. meeting (as well as any others Clay or feedback give us). Send ideas to Debbie to pull together.
  4. **Casino donations to non-profits** - Rotary participates in this program. There was discussion as to whether this is an annual program. Each individual casino requires submission of an online form to determine eligibility. Then the organization would be designated a specific night at the casino. Some organizations have received \$14,000! However, the form requires permission to email members or we would need to email the members on behalf of the casino. The group felt very uncomfortable about that. Given the group's feedback, Nancy will check with the Rotary as well as the casino to verify information/requirements.

#### **New Business:**

1. **Facebook posts** - Nancy is being active on Facebook. We're getting 'likes' so we're building it. Nancy recommends we all share/like, if so inclined. Nancy reminded us that we don't want to only advertise through Facebook because some people don't use it.
2. **Nominating Committee** - Nancy asked for volunteers to be on the committee. Helen & Debbie will be on the committee but not chair it. Nancy will connect with Heleen. Debbie will email the members to see if anyone is willing to volunteer for the committee.
3. **Little Library** - schedule for Oct '23 to Sept. '24 - we need volunteers starting this October.
  - a. **Oct - Dec - Brenda**
  - b. **Jan - March - Nancy**
  - c. **April - June - Lindsey**

d. (we'll figure out July-Sept. later in the year & may open it up to the full membership)

4. **Library Trustees** - We decided to invite them to our next meeting.
5. **Senior center** - they would like to use 3-4 of our tables at Weare Old Home Day. The group felt that was fine.

**Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.**

**No August meeting**

**Next meeting: September 26 - 6:30 p.m. - Sawyer Room - in person**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>By When</b>
Email members to solicit help for Old Home Day's 50/50 raffle	Debbie	ASAP (done)
Discuss ideas for other places we could purchase passes	All	Debbie will collect ideas and we'll discuss at September Meeting
Create form for Old Home Day to solicit ideas for places to purchase passes	?	Aug. 12
Additional casino information regarding email addresses	Nancy	Sept. meeting
Fall fundraisers, 2024 Library Gala	All	At Sept. meeting
Find additional nominating committee member	Nancy/Debbie	No later than August. Slate to be presented at the September meeting
Invite Trustees to our next meeting	Nancy	August 3