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## MINUTES FOR JANUARY 23, 2024

### **Approval of 11-28-23 draft minutes - M/S/P**

### **Meeting called to order at 6:30pm**

**Attendance:** Nancy Zienkiewicz – President, Helen Dutton – Treasurer, Debbie Far (remote), Suzanne Belanger – Vice President (remote), Dianne Hathaway, Lisa Johnson, Lea Anderson-Smith, Lindsey Hilliard – Secretary

**Library Staff:** Clay Kriese – Library Director, Karen Metcalf

### **Reports:**

#### **President**

- Updates have been made to Friend page on the library's website.
- Library Trustees have selected Richard Peck as the consultant to help transform the library into a 21<sup>st</sup> community center. Meeting is on Friday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm at the library, Friends are invited to attend.
- Alternative Library Trustees are needed, if interested let Clay know.
- Minutes of the Library Trustees meetings are now on the town website: <https://www.weare.nh.gov/library-trustees>
- Facebook page has 185 likes/210 followers; currently experiencing challenges tagging the library in our posts.
  - I reached out to Chris Hague and members of the Weare Historical Society for info on past presentations by speakers from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and UNH Cooperative extension.

#### **Treasurer**

- 2023 YTD income: \$6,276.38; budget \$5050. Expenses were \$4061.92 through 12/31/2023: Funds in bank at the end of December \$5,170.93, matching the balance at the end of December 2023.

### **Announcements:**

- Reminder – it's time to renew membership.

### **Old Business:**

1. **Membership, Above & Beyond updates**
  - a. 6 new members. \$1130 from Above & Beyond donations in January
2. **Telescope**

- a. Has not been taken out yet. To up awareness Nancy will post on the Friends Facebook page. Suggested to have telescope out on display for patrons to touch, get them comfortable. Leah will have survey questions to go with patrons who take out the telescope; track experiences with it.

### 3. Events

- a. Pi Day Pie Sale – Debbie Farr gave her recount on the Democratic Party's pie sale held earlier this year, right before Thanksgiving. Said it was well received. Friends decided on having a Spring Bake Sale with a sign up sheet with slots for different items, pies, cakes, savorys, and cookies. A survey will go out on Facebook to get a guess on how many people will donate goods. Have set price tables for goods, \$15, \$20. etc. Promotions: Weare in the World will have a blurb in February issue. Facebook post. Fliers, town hall sign will be a great promotion as well. Need to contact Monique Nelson for town hall sign. We want to make sure this bake sale will go directly to purchase library passes for the Mountshire Museum of Science in VT, and other library wish list items. Meeting plan for the bake sale scheduled in February. Helen to make a sign up sheet to hang in the library.
- b. National Library Week (April 7-14) event  
In lieu of efforts for the Bake Sale, this will be tabled for next year (2025)
- c. Silent Auction at Patriotic Celebration (Sat., June 22) – We have a spot. Meeting in March will start the conversation about donations. It was noted that having a variety of items at different price ranges did best, and multiple small items can be combined into gift baskets.

**Committee: Helen, Suzanne, Dianne**

- d. Town-wide Yard Sale (Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>) Passing on this event in lieu of the auction.
- e. Speaker Programs – Nancy is looking to do more speaker programs in the fall. Need to talk more on this in March, especially about deadlines for grants. We could throw in a 50/50 raffle along the presentations for library awareness.  
Possible Candidates:

**UNH Cooperative Extension**

New Hampshire's Wild History

**NH Humanities**

12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State

Digging into Native History in NH

Granite State Stories

Comics in World History and Cultures, Marek Bennett – will appeal to teens/adults

Discovering New England Stone Walls – held previously

Family Stories: How and Why to Remember and Tell Them (online only)

4. **Charitable Gaming** – Helen reached out last week to 3 different casinos. No response yet.

**Library Updates** – New chairs, and soon to be replacing table in upper library. It's been a great year, lots of traffic.

**New Business:**

1. **Museum/Park passes for 2024**

- a. \$180 for Montshire Museum of Science. Motion to renew current passes, and see what we raise at the bake sale if we can get the Montshire pass. **M/S/P**

2. **Summer programs** – Karen's current program plans:

- Wildlife encounters, very popular with kids: \$450
- Mr. Leeanne, music therapist (\$400 + mileage)
- Heidi Colburn, local biology teacher who would do nature journaling monthly (no charge)
- Touch a Truck
- UNH Marine Docents Science Programs (waiting on)

Motions to pass a 'Do Not Exceed' agreement for Karen on purchasing programs and craft supplies: \$1000. **M/S/P**

**ALL OTHER SUBJECTS WE POSTPONED FOR NEXT MEETING:** Due the run time of the meet. Dianne suggested we go back to monthly meetings to keep meetings shorter and cover all subjects.

**Meeting adjourned 8:08pm**

***No February meeting.***

***Next meeting: Tuesday, March 26 - 6:30 p.m. - hybrid***