

Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: November 2, 2016.

Present: Lisa Hayes, Donna Onacki, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, Sheila Tanguay, and Barbara Tosiano.

Discussed:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved
2. Treasurer's Report - \$2248.12
3. Chili Cook off Debrief:
 - Unanimous that we would like this to be an annual event.
 - We netted \$358.00
 - Possibly use larger bowls, as it was hard to use a ladle to fill it.
 - Maybe supply sour cream and grated cheese as some participants did.
 - Maybe charge a bit more.
 - Make a poster/sandwich board, to put on the corner of Brown and Old Stage Road for people who might not travel by the town common often. Barbara noted that the Library's sandwich board broke and we discussed purchasing a new one.
 - Could post on the town of Hampton Falls page.
 - Someone to photograph at all our events.
 - Announcing the winners by name and posting it on our bulletin board.
 - Play background music
 - Create a recipe list.
 - Have different food, like macaroni and cheese or hot dogs for kids. (Does the Fire Department have a hot dog steamer?)
 - Put posters up at White Goods Day if we host it again on the same day.
 - Sell chili in "to go" containers.
 - We could charge more for a larger bowl than a tasting bowl.
4. The Library is getting a printer that can create poster size prints.
5. Antonio Dance Event:
 - We need enough notice to book the Town Hall.
 - Week of February 27 is LAS vacation
 - Schedule for a Friday or Saturday, for 2 hours, from 2:00 – 4:00

- Possibly Feb. 12 or 19.
 - Chocolate desserts
 - Run as a fundraiser, asking for donations
6. Ramblin Richard event – November 15 at 6:30
 - Friends to arrive after 5:00 to set up.
 - We already have waters.
 - Need cookies, a few desserts.
 7. Membership Drive – 2017
 8. Wine Tasting in January,
 - Jeanine, with 90+ wines did a great job last time, so we will ask her again if she is available.
 - Possibly Jan. 26 or 27
 - WHS parent conference is January 19.
 - We will need to get insurance
 9. Barbara indicated that she may show movies in January, possible on Thursdays.
 10. Author Dennis Lipman is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, to discuss his book, *A Yank Goes Back to England*
 11. “Mrs. Lincoln” event is February 21.
 12. Poker Room:
 - Barbara spoke to someone at a local library who said that Laurie Karas works at the Poker Room on Tuesdays and that she prefers that the funds be used for tangible projects, not programming.
 - Deborah and Donna will visit the Poker Room soon on a Tuesday, and we will email her first about meeting with her.
 13. Alisha informed us that the Friends Annual Report is due on 11/15/16 to the NH Department of Charitable Trusts. She handed it out to be reviewed by the Friends.

Action Items:

1. Sheila contacted Jeanine to see if she is interested in doing a wine tasting.
2. Jane will make cookies and Donna will make a dessert for Ramblin Richard event.
3. Come up with ideas for how funds from the Poker Room could be used.
4. Consider the cost of a sandwich board.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Regan, Secretary