Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: April 6, 2016.

Present: Judy Haskell, Lisa Hayes, Donna Onacki, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, and Barbara Tosiano

Discussed:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved

2. Treasurer's Report - $3,234.91.00
   - Alisha contacted the State of NH Non-Profit Division and was told again that it had not been processed yet.
   - Our two-year date of filing will be on May 15.

3. Summer Reading Program: Fitness & Health Theme
   - Antonio Cassetta will teach the children simple ballroom dancing on Wednesday, June 22 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
   - Carol Sanborn asked the Friends if we would consider donating a prize for the reading program. She suggested a Fitbit, which would cost about $100.00. The Friends voted to approve this item.
   - Mark Lane will help with T-shirts.

4. T.J. Wheeler “Taste of New Orleans “Event – well attended, nice to see families attend

5. Museum Memberships:
   - Seacoast Science Center – may not renew, not sued much
   - Museum of Fine Arts – used the most, not a Friends’ membership
   - Strawbery Banke – will renew this when needed, versatile and flexible with events
   - Currier Museum – popular and close by
   - Discussed Peabody Essex Museum

   - He will be performing at the American Independence Museum in Exeter on May 4, and Barbara will attend.

7. Flatbread Fundraiser: June 7, from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
   - At our May meeting, we will set up a schedule and discuss publicity.
   - Barbara will bring the HFFL sign to Flatbread in May.
• We will prepare a basket or two to raffle with wine, wine
accessories and books.

8. Local Author’s Program: May 10, at 6:30 p.m.
• Barbara arranged for 12 local authors who are planning to attend.
• The Friends will prepare refreshments and will bring brochures.

9. Ballroom dancing as a fundraiser:
• Antonio Cassetta has volunteered his time to teach ballroom
dancing as a fundraising event.
• He has his own insurance.
• We discussed asking if we could hold this at the HF Town Hall.
• We could publicize it as dessert and dancing and the Friends could
bring the desserts.

10. General publicizing of the Friends at events:
• We discussed taking turns mentioning the Friends at any event,
welcoming new members and holding up the donation box.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Action items:

1. Deborah will contact the Peabody Essex Museum about a library
membership and expansion plans.

2. Prepare publicity in May for the Flatbread Fundraiser on June 7.

3. Refreshments for the Garden Pollinator’s event on Tuesday, April 12:
• Donna – lavender cookies
• Barbara – cookies
• Lisa – meringues
• Sheila – cookies
• Jane – water
• Deborah – lemon tea cake
5:30 – set up time

4. Alisha will ask Jay Lord about having a Chili Cook off at the Fire House,
possibly a Friday in mid-October.

5. Judy will contact Antonio Cassetta about a ballroom dancing fundraiser on
a Friday or Saturday night in early November.
6. At May meeting: determine who will put the basket together for the raffle at the Flatbread fundraiser.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Regan, Secretary