Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday June 5, 2019

Present: Nancy Axelson, Susi Burke, Lisa Hayes, Donna Onacki, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, Sheila Tanguay, Barbara Tosiano, Judy Wilson

Discussed:
1. May Minutes approved
2. Treasurers report
   a. $8621.70 after 2 outstanding checks clear
3. Program recap
   a. Shaker Legacy
      i. Sat – 15 people
      ii. Great program
   b. Ansel Adams
      i. 42 people
      ii. very well received
   c. Invasive plants
      i. 18 people
4. Seabrook Dog Track Update: Jane and Judy
   a. Jane and Judy went to the track the day before Kentucky Derby
   b. Met with Gerri Chaskho introduced them to the team including Mike who will be running it
   c. Looking for charities for 2020 slots
   d. Followed up with email explaining library as community center and operating budget at 1% of total town/school budget
   e. Gerri “borrowed” the backpack idea and was bringing it back to her own community
   f. Seabrook is a huge facility with large function room
   g. Could do a fundraiser there; they have liquor license
5. Lebanon Poker Room 2019 Dates
   a. On list for Oct 22-26, Oct 29th-Nov 2nd 2019
6. Museum Updates:
   a. The Fells in Newbury, NH
      i. There are 2 passes for each day
      ii. By Mount Sunapee
7. History of Beer Talk update (Deborah):
   a. Cheryl checked out UNH website and contacted Cheryl Parker
   b. Cheryl teaches a short hour on history of beer
   c. Cheryl gave two additional contacts
      i. Cynthia Van Zant teaches beer history at UNH in a different dept
      ii. Ian Goring the brewer at Tributary Brewery in Kittery is quite the expert in German beer history specifically.
   d. Nov 7th or 14th?
8. June Programs
   a. Backyard Birds tomorrow 6/6
b. Jane will help setup and sell raffle

9. Backpack use update
   a. Gone out a couple times – once to boy scout troop
   b. Bethlehem library liked the idea and called to get info which Barbara passed along

10. Environmental Update
    a. Sarah Atkinson/reusable produce bags – hold off until April and do an earth day program.
    b. 50th anniversary of Earth Day
    c. Multiple events through April

11. Basket Fundraiser: Herb Farmacy (Lisa)
    a. Can be used at Farmers Market or Store

12. Summer Reading Program
    a. Children’s program – Leah
       i. Friends are funding Center for Wildlife
       ii. Request for funding for book store gift card for 5th to 8th grade – do this for Water Street
           bookstore instead of B&N this year
       iii. Walmart usually gives under $50 for a bike and Leah would like a extra $15
       iv. 82 kids sign up for reading program; 50 – 60 3yrs – 4th; 20 or so 5th grade and up
       v. Approved 2 bikes and helmets and 2 $30 gift cards
    b. Adult Prize – Barbara
       i. 12 local businesses have given prizes including some new businesses in the area
       ii. Requested $100 Water Street Bookstore gift card - this is approved

13. Annual Elections
    a. Chair/Co Chair – Jane/Sheila
    b. Vice-Chair - Lisa
    c. Secretary – Susi
    d. Treasurer - Alisha

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 PM
Next meeting: Wednesday August 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susi Burke, Secretary