Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday August 7, 2019

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

Discussed:
1. June Minutes approved
2. Treasurers report
   a. $8,556.78
3. Seabrook Dog Track Update: Judy
   a. Judy got email from Gerri Chasko - Director Eureka Community Initiative
   b. Gerri wants to come to the library 8/23. It would be good to have one of the Friends here if possible for that meeting. No time set yet.
   c. She wants to know about the children programs at HFFL
   d. Judy will also drive her around to see the Senior housing in town
4. Lebanon Poker Room 2019
   a. Alisha reached out to Michele Bowen from Granite State poker today
   b. Michelle will send paperwork soon
   c. On list for Oct 22-26, Oct 29th-Nov 2nd 2019
5. Museum Updates:
   a. Record setting July – 18 museum passes handed out, 50 YTD
   b. Started to put pics out on social media
6. Program Updates
   a. Stargazing program
      i. Coordinated with Wiggin Library in Stratham, setup in Stratham Park.
      ii. The NH astronomy society were great with the kids.
      iii. Not a huge turnout (hot buggy night) but viewing was great
   b. Backyard Birds- June 6
      i. Very good
      ii. 35 people
      iii. Would ask him to come back
7. Upcoming Programs – Request for funding
   a. Approved funding of $750 (+ mileage) for the following 3 programs
   b. Great New England Hurricane of 1938
      i. Sept 12 at 6:30
      ii. Learn about the impact and aftermath of one of the most destructive storms in US history
      iii. $200
   c. Here’s to Beer: The History and Production of the World’s Favorite Drink
      i. Oct 3 at 6:30
      ii. Bruce Heilshorn (Earth Eagle Brewers) and Emerson Baker (professor at Salem)
      iii. Botanical and historic brews, how sour brews are produced and the myriad of ways yeast can create flavors
      iv. $300
d. A Few Seconds with our Fathers...Songs and Stories of WWII
   i. Nov 7 at 6:30
   ii. Curt Bessette and Jenn Kurtz
   iii. Heart moving performance of original songs and stories honoring all veterans
   iv. $250 and mileage from York

8. Other Upcoming Programs
   a. Bears in NH
      i. Oct 17 at 6:30
      ii. NH Fish and Games
      iii. Free
   b. Holiday Cookie Exchange
      i. Dec 14 at noon
      ii. Maybe an ensemble
   c. April – 50th anniversary of earth day. Planning to coordinate a lot for that month
      i. Deborah to reach out to Sarah Atkinson about “Cutting down on waste in our homes” program
   d. 100th anniversary of woman suffrage (Aug 2020) – maybe do something with that? Maybe NH Humanities (Barbara will investigate)

9. Trustee updates
   a. Walkway
      i. Trustees are proposing a walkway between Town Hall and Library parking lot – lit and with a railing.
      ii. Warrant article in March
      iii. Will want to publicize this
   b. Memorandum of understanding between town and library
      i. Documenting who is responsible for what
      ii. hopefully would be approved at next Board of Selectman meeting

10. Book Sale:
    a. Sept 21st
    b. Books coming in now.
    c. Cigarette boxes are helpful if anyone has any

Meeting adjourned: 7:25 PM
Next meeting: Wednesday Sept 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Action Items:
- Someone from Friends to attend meeting with Gerri Chasko on 8/23 if possible
- Deborah: contact Sarah Atkinson about “Cutting down on waste in our homes” program in April
- Deborah and others: ideas for potential author programs?

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary