Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday August 1, 2018

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

Discussed:
1. Treasurer report: $2738.80
2. Community Fundraiser, June 11th
   a. $701.45 deposited - $50 was seed money, $153 for raffle, 498.45 from Community Oven
3. Birds of a Salt Marsh, June 12th
   a. People: Good turnout, 50/60 people
   b. Great presenter, lots of interaction
4. Summer Reading program
   a. Excellent turtle program sponsored by Friends – Barbara would highly recommend it to other libraries
   b. 10,000 more pages read than last year
   c. 98 people signed up for Adult Reading Program
5. Jessica Shattuck coming next Tuesday August 7th
   a. Set up: Alisha
   b. Refreshments: Donna
6. Poker Room
   a. June 11th Deborah went to visit several times but the contact person is never there.
   b. Maybe contact Jay Lord to see how Fire Dept got into the rotation
   c. Lane Library was recently removed from the list; got no information as to why
   d. Opened a new location at the Lebanon Poker Room and Casino July 11th and Jane sent two emails. No response so far.
7. Friends Stationary
   a. Susi brought 5 for this meeting. Will bring more next time
   b. Maybe add info about Facebook page and/or 501 3c status on back
8. Herb Farmacy, Wednesday Sept 12th
   a. Press sent out
   b. Friends sponsoring ($200 – verified this from email on 4/11/18) - Herbal Gifts from Your Garden
   c. Set up Facebook event for this
9. Margaritas
   a. Need a date to be able to hand out cards at Herb Farmacy and Book Sale
   b. Donna will check to see if Monday Sept 24th (2 days after Book Sale), Wed Sept 26th, Thurs Sept 27th are available
10. Judy Wilson
    a. Wants to create closer relationships between Trustees and Friends
    b. Trustees want to create backpacks to loan for families – one for seashore, one for hiking. Maps, binoculars, compass, field guides
       i. Request from Trustees to the Friends: Family Pass to NH State Parks – not everything included but does include Pawtuckaway $110 per year (it’s a calendar year so looking at 2019). Alisha made a motion; Deb seconded. This request passed unanimously. Post on Facebook to request any kind of hiking or seashore backpacks.
       ii. Deborah had an idea to put a Map at the library that people could post their pictures of the places they visited with the backpacks
c. Library Telescope program: Lane library had program at beach; NH Astronomical Society puts this in on.

11. Historic New England
   a. Do they have a library pass? Maybe check into this

12. Peabody Essex Library Pass
   a. Went up to $475 and changed the rate patrons need to pay to $12 even on weekdays
   b. Decided not to do at as only 15 tickets used last year and at an $8 savings per ticket it is not cost effective at this point. Wait and see if patrons are looking for this

13. Strawberry Banke Library Pass
   a. Voted to fund this library pass for $150
   b. Do more promotion of this pass so people know it is available, maybe at special event time like Halloween or Candle light stroll.

14. Ramblin’ Richard – Dec program?
   a. Maybe do a Christmas program on a Sunday afternoon in early December
   b. Possibly do a cookie swap at the same event?

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 PM
Next meeting: Wednesday September 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Action items:
- Susi: Create a FB Event for Herb Farmacy
- Susi: Mention backpacks coming in 2019 on FB, request donations of good hiking or beach materials for this
- Donna: Check on Margaritas dates for September

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary