Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: Wednesday March 3, 2021, via Zoom

Present: Susi Burke, Deborah Regan, Jane Shanahan, Barbara Tosiano, Judy Wilson

Discussed:
1. February Minutes – Approved
2. Treasurers report - Accepted
   a. $22,168.57 – Alisha not here but sent that the balance was the same as last month
3. Library Director Report
   a. Still 3 days a week, Tues/Thurs/Sat
   b. Lots of curbside still – 100+ bags of books
   c. Feb vacation – Seacoast Science Center virtual presentation, 15 attended and presenter went more than ½ hour. May try to do another for April vacation
   d. Summer Reading – moving forward, some events in person outside. Popular programs may have two sessions that are smaller so they can be managed easily for COVID protocols. Town owns 2 tents that library will be able to borrow and do as much outdoors as possible.
4. Museum Pass Updates
   a. Make decisions on indoor museums in June
      i. Gardner $195
      ii. Portland Museum of Art $250
   b. Bedrock Gardens – talk about this in May, opens May 12th
   c. The Fells - $100 approved
   d. State Park Passes look like they is available now. https://www.nhstateparks.org/planning/schedule-and-fees/passes-promotions. Nothing on site that shows library pass info. Barbara will check this out with her contact. Approved up to $150 for this.
5. Fundraisers
   a. Hannafords Bag Program
      i. Proceeds were not received yet
      ii. Judy will check into this if a check doesn’t come in a couple weeks
   b. Scarecrows – a lot of work, not a lot of return. Chester Historical Society actually builds them, does not use a kit. Decided not worth it for now.
6. Subscriptions/Streaming Service
   a. No updates on this yet
7. Completed Programs
   a. Feb 18th, Thursday 6:30, The Finest Hours, Michael Tougias (NH Humanities)
      i. Great presentation, one of best speakers
      ii. 36 people
8. Upcoming Virtual Options
   a. The Christianization of Ireland
      i. March 16th, Tuesday 6:30
      ii. Sean Murphy
      iii. $200
      iv. Up to 40 people signed up so far!
      i. April 8th, Thursday, 6:30
ii. Historic New England
iii. Michael Maler, Robert Shimp, Director of Paul Revere house
iv. $200 sponsored by Friends (approved)
v. People starting to sign up for this already

c. Ideas
i. Sea Shanty
   1. Jerry Bryant of Amherst, MA
   2. You can find him on YouTube, Sea Chanteys, Spanish Ladies.
   3. His website is: jerrybryantsings
   4. $150 for Zoom program in May, 45-50 minute presentation, singing and history and then Q&A, Approved for $150
ii. Medicare 101, Barbara has North Hampton connection and contact with AARP; maybe 3 part for Seniors in Sept/Oct. Try to do this in person in fall.
iii. Outdoor movement
   1. Great response to Tai Chi, 12 called from newsletter survey to say yes they would be interested.
      a. Barbara contacted Chris Himmel from Great Bay Tai Chi. Hampton Rec uses them. $50 a class and has insurance. Barbara will get back to him about availability. Town may have some money for it?
      b. Would want to start in June, 12-15 weeks if we can be outside
   2. Jane found out more about Bone Builders. Talked to Addy from NH Friends, state level program, RSVP – retired senior volunteer program. Atkinson, Kingston libraries use this program. Commitment for 1 year, they take care of finding volunteers but need to get weights, twice a week classes. Not enough space to be able to do this indoors at library so decided against pursuing for now
iv. Container Gardening
   1. Weekend in May
   2. Owners of Churchills live in NH, Barbara will touch base with them.
   3. Erin is master gardener

Action Items:
• Barbara: will check about NH State Parks Pass

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 PM
Next meeting: April 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susi Burke, Secretary