



## FRIENDS OF THE SALISBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES

August 23, 2016

**Meeting called to order:** 5:00 p.m.

**In attendance:** Board members: John Doucette, Mary Kirk, Danielle Phillips, Pam Shaw  
Trustees: Jeannette Lazarus, Dianne Masiello, Jane Purinton  
Guests: Terry Kyrios, Rebecca Taylor

**Minutes** of the last meeting were approved

**Treasurer's report** of the last meeting was accepted with format change.

### **New library update:**

- Continuing to work on punch list. Painting done, carpets still need to be cleaned from burst pipes.
- Meeting rooms are being used all the time.
- New signs are around the building, with a few more to be resolved.
- The clocks for the young adult room, meeting room and conference room have been received and installed by Jeannette and Peter. Two more for the children's room will be purchased.

### **Building use update:**

Circulation is up. The fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30. During our last fiscal year the library was in temporary space for two months and closed for one month.

- Last year, 27,000 items up to 42,000 items this year.
- Interlibrary loan with items in and out increased from 8,000 to 11,000 items.
- Meeting rooms are being used 100 times a month. Attendance has been fabulous.

### **Sunset cruise recap:**

- River cruise - weather perfect. Friends broke even. People who were there had fun. 58 tickets were sold with 55 people on board including DJ and staff. DJ did a great job and had fun disco balls that added to the atmosphere. Terry shared that several tickets were sold at the dock.
- Response to Seacoast Scenes ad was very positive. A ¼ page ad was placed at no charge. The next week, a full page ad was placed at a cost of \$50. The library received several calls about the river cruise. An article was also written about the river cruise and Friends fundraising efforts.
- We will discuss in March whether to skip a year or host river cruise in June instead of August.

### **Upcoming events:**

- Marcy Robitaille author presentation Thursday, September 15 from 6-8 p.m. May bring an organ donation recipient to share their experience. People will also be able to sign up for organ donation that night. A raffle will be held for Friends of the book entitled "Wish You a Good Journey - Living with Eyes and Heart Wide Open." A book has also been purchased for circulation. Christopher Daley, Haunted History of New England. \$300 total for the presentation. October 6 @ 7p.m. Terry will purchase his book for a drawing among Friends members in attendance.
- Terry will see if the speakers are willing to be filmed so the presentations can be shown on tv.
- A bereavement group will run on Thursdays from 1:00 - 2:30 for six weeks starting October 16 and ending November 10, The facilitator is a grief counselor at Beacon Hospice in Methuen. We will notify Angel Jean at the Daily News. The group will be 6-8 participants and future groups might be an option moving forward.

### **Library news:**

- The book nook made \$150 partially due to summer patrons. There is not a place in the children's room for sale books. Pam will investigate making space in the book nook.
- The Friends approved \$200 to be used toward the purchase of bereavement books that will be shelved in the meeting room.

- July was membership month. The Friends will see about \$1000 in new and renewed memberships from the drive.
- Jeannette and Terry are interviewing artist Alan Bull. We will plan a reception at the library that will appeal to all ages, men, women and children. Jeannette believes this person could provide the library with access to other artists.
- Benches have been ordered and should be in any day. They will be assembled and installed by the welder upon receipt. Two are beige and one is grey.

**Other business:**

- Dianne is going to run the football fundraiser again. Danielle will help with collecting money at the end. The purpose of this fundraiser is building enhancements.
- Jeannette will follow up with Lisa Pearson to see about a grant or other funding for an EV charging station at the library as there are none in town and the library is a central location.
- Clarification was made that meeting minutes will appear on the website within one week after board meetings and agendas will be posted on the website during the week prior to the upcoming board meeting.
- Dianne asked about reconciling money donated when Ted Kyrios passed; that Friends were going to match and Trustees were going to match double. Terry will provide details to Friends by next meeting.
- Annual meeting/presentation about friends/social time with food & drink is scheduled for October 27 @ 6p.m.
- John will research how much money Friends can hold as a 401(c)3, and it was suggested the bylaws be reviewed to determine if any revisions are needed as no changes have been made since Friends of SPL inception.

John will research

**Next meeting:** Monday, September 19, 2016.

**Meeting adjourned:** 6:08 p.m.