



FRIENDS OF THE SALISBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES

September 19, 2016

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

In attendance: Board members: Patty Doggett, John Doucette, Mary Kirk, Danielle Phillips, Pam Shaw
Trustees: Dianne Masiello, Jeannette Lazarus
Library staff: Terry Kyrios, Corinn Flaherty
Guest: Rebecca Taylor

Welcome: Corinn Flaherty - new assistant director. She will be planning programs and events.

Treasurer's report was accepted. A check written 9/17/16 to match trustees amount for the Ted Kyrios memorial fund.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved

New library update: Carpets are being cleaned 10/1/16. DPW will help with placement of the benches. Terry and Jeannette will decide final placement. Wilson Welding to assemble benches and install when ready.

Building use update: Recent rules have changed so that the library only needs to hold onto two year's worth of magazines. Previously it was five years. Pam, with the assistance of staff, has cleared out and recycled 75-80%. The library is gaining storage space. The Library is open Saturdays again and attendance has been up with little fanfare.

Recent events:

Football fundraiser is in full swing. Per Dianne Masiello, we have \$30.50 pledged per touchdown for a total of \$183 for 6 touchdowns over 2 games. Involvement is lower, but the fundraiser is ongoing.

Marcy Robitaille was very well received. The number of attendees was affected by Newburyport library: Richard Jones talk and show at the annual meeting and Triton district open house.

Terry informed the board that the bereavement seminar has been well received and is ongoing. Bereavement books will be added to the shelves in this meeting room.

Upcoming events:

Marcy Robitaille will present in December at Newburyport Library. We will be posting on our website closer to the event.

Christopher Daley Haunted History of New England \$300 to do a presentation. 10/6/16 @ 7p.m. Terry will purchase his book for a Friend's drawing.

Artist Alan Bull. Date not yet set for October or November for a reception. The artwork currently on display will be replaced. Dianne will check for liquor license. We can sell his calendars at the event. This may boost attendance at the reception. Corinn knows him and will follow up.

Potential - Peter Christoph. Pam contacted and the cost is \$320. Corinn will work on the cultural grant to cover his fee. Pam stated when we had Hank Phillippe Ryan she did not charge for her time.

Potential - Ted Reinstein. Tuesday 1/24/16. Flexible with his price. Will negotiate

Library news:

The library issued 816 new library cards between opening and 06/30. Terry asked for 1000 more card holder envelopes. Approved.

Moving forward Pam will take the book nook off the monthly agenda as it is making money and volunteers are available to stock it. Pam added children's' books to the nook and they are not moving very fast. The volunteers will move out some non-moving books and rearrange with other donations. Pam takes books that are not sold to Leeward Light Thrift Shop. They appreciate our donations. We will discuss if the children's books are moving or we need to try something else. Terry asking for the board to be mindful about asking for donations. We will discuss at the meeting in October.

Jeannette asked the board to consider buying Italian chalkware bookends. She would like to see the space filled in rather than have empty shelves. Board members asked for time to research the request and options available. Members discussed whether we should be using items that have significance to the library and/or town. A discussion about labeling the items in the cases and understanding their provenance ensued. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Other business:

Annual meeting/presentation about friends/social time with food & drink was postponed from 10/27 to 11/10 to prepare and post in advance of the meeting at 6p.m. with Friends board meeting at 5 p.m. Pam asked for ideas to draw more attendees. Terry asked that the board remind her to contact Angel Jean at the paper to post something in the town notes about the annual meeting. This will count as the prior public notice that is needed to be in compliance with the bylaws.

Next meeting: Monday, 10/17/16

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.