

Friends of the Exeter Public Library Meeting Minutes, meeting held at 6:30 pm on 11/15/22 in the Children's Area craft room at the library

Present: Barbara Young, Pam Hagan, Hope Godino (library director), Jenny Medlock (Library Trustee and liaison to the Friends), Evelyn Kelso, Hilary Ireland Dorothy Cieslewicz, Lorraine Jurdi, Sarah James, Carla Tishler, Susan Scales

1. Report on recent activities: We staffed a table at the RiverWoods volunteer fair and signed up 15 new people to our mailing list. The RiverWoods residents had some ideas for us, including restarting library visits to their campus at which they could sign up for library cards. Hope says that indeed the library will be resuming visits to RiverWoods in early 2023 and that residents will be able to obtain library cards at those visits. As a "thank you" for coming to the fair RiverWoods donated \$100 to the library trustees. Susan Scales has passed that check along to Barbara Young who will get it to the trustees. We got a lovely "Thank You" card from the teens for funding the purchase of a new couch. We were unable to get a tree to decorate for the Festival of Trees but plan to do it next year! The library garden has (mostly) been put to bed.

2. Library requests: The town has cut the library's budget for next year by \$10,000. Hope asked us to keep money on our account to fund some of the summer "activities for all ages", as this is the type of activity she will otherwise have to cut. The library is working with the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire group to schedule an event in 2023. Hope will let us know how we can help: refreshments, publicity, etc.

3. New treasurer: Dottie Cieslewicz has volunteered to be our new treasurer. She has met with our outgoing treasurer and is familiar with the computer programs, forms and duties. We welcome Dottie and say a huge "Thanks" to Susan Scales who has organized our group's finances so well! See below for our latest financial report.

4. Future activities: Carla will ask several local businesses if we can partner with them on a fundraiser in 2023. Possibilities include Community Oven, Flatbread Pizza, Otto's Pizza, Water St Books and the Brook casino in Seabrook. Sarah will investigate whether we can have a table at one of the indoor farmers markets this year. The cribbage group will take December off and schedule their next meeting in January. We talked about bringing back the "Donate a Book" program next summer/fall in anticipation of holiday gift giving.

5. Next meeting: Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the library Children's Area craft room.

**Friends of the Exeter Public Library
Narrative financial report**

11/4/2022

On 10/1/2022, the bank account opening balance was **\$2,298.78**

Receipts: none 0

Expenses: none 0

On 10/31/2022, the bank account closing balance was **\$2,298.78**

Anticipated expense:

reimbursement to Susan Scales for Teen Room couch \$392.99 (vendor chosen by library staff would only accept credit card / would not accept a check so she paid on her personal credit card, receipt reviewed at meeting)