

Meeting Minutes - Friends of the Exeter Public Library. Meeting held Tuesday, February 13, 2024 in the library children's area craft room

Present: Susan Feltus, Barbara Young, Sarah James, Monique Lowd, Evelyn Kelso, Pam Hagan

1. Prior meeting minutes: The minutes from the January 9, 2024 meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: The report was reviewed, including donations received. Susan will make sure thank you notes are sent to the recent donors. See report below.
3. Upcoming fundraising activities:
  - On Monday, April 8th Otto Pizza in Exeter will donate to the Friends a portion of all receipts received on dine-in orders from 5 pm to 8 pm. We have sent them a copy of our logo to use on their publicity. Susan will ask the library staff to make an advertising poster that we can distribute around town. Put the date on your calendar!
  - We received an email from Oceanfront Gaming that the licensing process has changed from a whole year schedule to a rolling schedule. The bottom line is that we do not need to fill out more paperwork and we should not panic that we have not yet been notified of the dates when we will receive proceeds of the days' gaming. We can expect to be assigned two 5-day blocks over the course of the year and will be notified of the dates approximately 60 days prior to the start of each block. We are excited about this opportunity!
  - We discussed a few other fundraising options we have heard about. Sarah will investigate becoming a recipient of funds from the Fabulous Finds in Kittery and Susan will investigate partnering with Chipotle in Stratham. They are both out of town quite a bit for the next month and so may not get to this quickly. If you stop by either of these two places, please consider asking for info and forwarding it to this email. Keep your ears open for other fundraising opportunities as well!
4. Upcoming library events (Volunteers always needed):
  - The annual Exeter Lit Fest is scheduled for April 5th and 6th. Friday, April 5th's activity, "Night at the Library", will take place in the library from 7 to 8:30 pm. The event is free to all and will include a jazz concert, refreshments and more. The Friends will be sponsoring the event in part, providing money to hire the band. Put the date on your calendar and stay tuned for volunteer opportunities!
  - The library's spring craft fair will take place on Saturday, May 4th from 10 am to 3 pm. During the fair the Friends will run a raffle of items donated by the crafters and we will need a number of volunteers to organize the raffle items, sell raffle tickets and draw the winners. We also need one or two people to serve as "lead volunteers" for this project. This will be our third time running the craft fair raffle and each time it gets easier because we understand the process better and are more organized. Susan has written up notes from the last craft raffle and put them in our master notebook. Thank you, Susan! Please look at your calendar and respond to this email if you can volunteer on May 4th. Special thanks to anyone who can volunteer to lead the project. We promise you will be well supported!
5. Library cribbage group: The group is going strong with its next meeting scheduled for Saturday March 9th from 10am to 12pm at the library. Check the library website for future dates each month.
6. Library needs: In addition to the Lit Fest activity noted above, Hope has asked the Friends to fund several upcoming activities. All we take place at the library. We approved all the requests, and Susan will send the info on payment details to our treasurer, Roy Tellini.
  - \$250 to fund a performance of the New England Irish Harp orchestra on Tuesday, March 12th t 6:30 pm. Check out their website: <http://www.neiho.org/>
  - \$550 (\$200 deposit needed now, balance to follow) to fund an event for all ages by variety entertainer Andrew Silver on Saturday, April 27th from 12-1. More info at <https://www.andrewsilver.com/>
  - Hope is also working on organizing a day-long author visit and will let us know the date, costs and other details as the project develops.

7. Other business: Friends member Ute Tellini has been presenting a series of lectures on the history of art and architecture, and the reviews are wonderful!!! The presentations have been filmed by the ExeterTV crew and are periodically shown on their channel. For more information: <https://www.exeternh.tv/>

8. Next meeting: The meeting was concluded. Due to the Exeter town election on March 12, the our next meeting will be Tuesday March 19 at 6:30pm in the library children's area craft room.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening balance 12/31/23: \$5,858.52

Receipts:

Gift via Fidelity investments - \$100.00

Don Briselden and Mary Jo Briselden - \$100.00

Expenses:

none

(outstanding check to the NH Lottery Commission - \$50.00)

Closing balance 1/31/24: \$6,058.52