

Friends of Exeter Public Library

Minutes: 3-21-2023

Present: Barbara Young, Pam Hagan, Doreen Carson, Evelyn Kelso, Sarah James, Jenny Medlock, Hilary Ireland, Lorraine Jurdi, Carla Tishler, Kathy Boudreau, Hope Godino

1. Financial report: Submitted in advance by our treasurer, Dottie Cieslewicz. Not much activity this month. See below. There is one unlisted anticipated expense: the yearly \$75 fee to register the group with the state as a non-profit.

2. Cribbage: 11 people came to the most recent session - wow! Kathy B will be stepping back from organizing future cribbage dates and her husband Craig will take this on, together with one of the cribbage players who regularly attends. **Next two cribbage dates: Saturday, April 8, Saturday May 13.** Both 10-12 in the library.

3. Sea Dog fundraiser: Things are coming together for our **fundraiser scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th from 5-8 pm at Sea Dog Brewery.** They are brewing another barrel of the special "Pale Turner IPA" and auction items are coming in.

Among the donations: Martha Walsh has a remote control car and a Mexican blanket, The Exeter Area Greater Federation of Women's Club (EAGFWC) will be donating a basket, Hope is collecting a basket of new books, Pam is assembling a basket of sewing/quilting related items and Sue Wakefield of RiverWoods has donated a ceramic chip and dip platter along with several other items. Other things we've collected: some gently used Hawaii shirts and beer glasses and the beginnings of a few other baskets. Please reply to this email if you have items to donate. We especially need items to round out some baskets we've started assembling, including Red Sox, Star Wars and kitchen gadget items. And of course we'll need some actual empty medium to large sized baskets to put the items in. Carla sent in the online form to request a donation from Lindt but has not heard back.

As far as publicity, Sarah will get the event info to Hope and she will ask the library staff to make us a poster which we can then distribute. We'll also publicize on the regular social media pages including the Exeter beer lovers group. Save the date on your calendar!

4. Fundraising via Charitable Gaming: Carla has been investigating our group becoming a recipient of charitable gaming funds from the Brook Casino and their affiliates. Marty Kirsch from the EAGFWC offered to help her with the paperwork, which is quite extensive. The process does require that two of our officers, the treasurer and one other, be fingerprinted and go through a background check. Our current treasurer does not want to go through this process, so we are at somewhat of a crossroads. If we want to proceed with this initiative we'll need a new treasurer. For now we will not proceed. **Please reply to this email if you or someone you know might want to be our new treasurer** and doesn't mind going through the process. This is a low stress job that involves 2 hours or less of work a month. Several local groups have verified that they've made many thousands of dollars from charitable gaming, which the library could really use! Carla will also investigate another source of charitable gaming funds that Kathy heard about.

5. Officers: Kathy and Sarah were both elected library trustees at the recent town election. That means that although they can still be members of the Friends group they can no longer be officers. Carla volunteered to move from vice president to president, replacing Kathy. Hilary will take on the vice presidency. Dottie and Lorraine will stay on as treasurer and member at large, respectively. We will need to get a new secretary. **Please reply to this email if you or**

someone you know might want to take on this role. Susan Feltus has volunteered to help but spends the winter in Florida. Sarah will discuss with her whether she can take on the secretary position, perhaps as a shared position or with some remote work.

6. Library Craft Fair: The librarians are planning a craft fair on Saturday, May 6th from 10 to 2. They would like our group to run a raffle of items that the crafters will donate. Carla will get a raffle permit and Sarah will talk with the librarians to figure out how we can best support them. We'll need some volunteers to man the raffle booth so **please keep this date in mind.**

7. Exeter Lit fest: in conjunction with the Exeter Lit Fest the library will be hosting several events on Saturday, April 1. These include a showing of the documentary film "Hello, Bookstore", a teen trivia event and a book making craft project in the children's room. Hope thinks the staff may need some volunteers to help the children make their books; she will let us know. **Please reply to this email if you can volunteer with the kids craft on April 1st.**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30 pm in the childrens art room at the library. Hope to see you there!

Treasurer's Report for 3/21/23 meeting:

On 2/1/2023 the bank account opening balance was \$2,383.86

Receipts: Amazon Smile \$23.02

Expenses: None

On 2/28/2023 the bank account closing balance was \$2,406.88