

Friends of the Exeter Public Library
Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2023

Present: Martha Walsh, Evelyn Kelso, Pam Hagan, Courtney Marshall, Sarah James, Ute Tellini, Lorraine Jurdi, Ginny Raub, Jenny Medlock, Hilary Ireland, Hope Godino

We approved the minutes from the July meeting.

Fundraising

We are still waiting to learn the total raised from the Water Street Bookstore event.

Hilary and Roy are leading the casino project so that the Friends can be one of the nonprofits the casino supports. We have paperwork to submit over the next few months.

Events

The Independence Festival craft booth was popular, and the craft was well received.

The Fantasy Faire event was a success. The library staff was amazing with many people wearing costumes and hats. The Friends tables had temporary tattoos; the kids liked choosing tattoos for adults. Evelyn made magic color-changing lemonade. Having multiple tables worked very well.

The Fall Craft Fair is on October 21. Martha Walsh will complete the raffle permit form and submit it to the Town of Exeter. We need four volunteers to fill 2 2-hour shifts.

The Friends will have a tree for the Festival of Trees; our tree's theme is "Banned and Challenged Books." We need 5 strings of lights, garland, tree skirt, and topper. We also need unwrapped books that fit the theme for under the tree. Please bring books and supplies to the October meeting. There may be a crafting party before the decorating in order to make book-themed ornaments and bookmarks to hang from the tree. If so, Hope can book a room.

Library Needs

The Teen Room would like 7 1-inch binders and 7 packs of binder dividers for the "Adulthood For Teens" course. Sarah said that she would collect. If you have binders or dividers, please leave them at the front desk by October 6.

The Friends passed a motion that we buy 4 card tables for the library. This purchase will support the cribbage, bridge, and mah jong activities. Martha will take care of this.

Our next meeting will be on October 10 at 6:30.

July 2023 Narrative Financial Report

July 1, 2023 Opening Balance: \$4,264.24

Receipts: \$19.00

Misc. re July 4th celebration: \$19.00

Expenses \$712.63

Blue Ocean Society: \$517.00

Sara James: \$195.63

July 30, 2023 Closing Balance: \$3,570.61

August 2023 Narrative Financial Report

Opening Balance: \$3570.61

Receipts: \$0

Expenses: \$0

August 31, 2023 Closing Balance: \$3570.61

Hope to see you there!

Martha Walsh and Susan Feltus