

Friends of the Exeter Public Library
Minutes April 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Co-president Martha Walsh. In attendance were Susan Feltus, Lindsey Humes, Sarah James, Monique Lowd, Jenny Medlock, Barbara Young, Martha Walsh, Lorraine Jurdi, and Evelyn Kelso.

The minutes of the meeting of March 19 were approved with the correction of a typo in the fourth line of sixth paragraph from “sig” to “sign”.

Officers for the coming year were appointed upon unanimous vote of the members attending:

President: Martha Walsh
Vice President: Hillary Ireland
Treasurer: Roy Tellini
Secretary: Susan Feltus
Member at Large: Lorraine Jurdi
Liaison with Trustees: Jenny Medlock

The treasurer’s reports for 2023 and for March 2024, attached hereto, were reviewed. Roy has completed the NH Charitable Report for 2023 which was due May 15.

Recent donations to the Friends were noted: \$50 from Mike Guidi and \$249.99 from Benevity. A thank you note was sent to Mr. Guidi. There was no identification of the donor of the donation from Benevity so no thank you will be sent.

Martha is collecting Friends tax documents from the past few years and will put them in the Friends notebook.

The East Kingston Public Library asked us about fundraising. Hillary Ireland shared information with them concerning Otto's.

Recent Projects:

LitFest: several members volunteered at the opening night at the Library which included a band that the Friends paid for. The library sent a thank you note to the Friends saying that the event "would not have been possible without your help".

Otto Pizza: no information at this time on how much was raised.

Ongoing and Future Projects:

Monthly cribbage sponsored by the Friends at the library on the second Saturday of the month continues. Julie Dickson has taken the lead on this. The next date is May 11. Nine players attended the March event.

Charitable Gaming Fundraising: there is no new information at this time.

Garden in Founders' Park: Sarah James reported that the garden did not need attention at this time and that she would send an invitation in the next few weeks for help with the garden.

Spring Library Craft Fair Raffle: All of the volunteer slots are filled to set up the raffle and sell tickets. Martha will create bookmarks and brochures to advertise the Friends at the Fair. Sarah will bring cups for the tickets and cash for the cash box which we will borrow from the library. Martha secured the raffle permit from the town. Susan will get the vendors' names in advance of the Fair to facilitate setting up on the day of the Fair.

Chipotle Restaurant: the discussion of accessing Chipotle's process for fundraising ended with the decision not to pursue at this time.

Sea Dog Brewery: reviewing how much money was raised by the raffle in 2023, it was decided that a raffle, if we were to hold one, needed to be simplified. At this time, the subject was tabled since we did not know who had coordinated with Sea Dog in 2023.

Independence Festival: we have not been contacted by the Independence Museum about having a booth on July 13.

Danette Wineberg continues to donate supplies for the teen room at the library.

Library Funding Requests were presented and approved:

Aaron Jones July 17 children's program \$435

Wildlife Program July 31 children's program \$281.57

Poco Amore June 18 \$250

Howard Stith music program July 18 \$250

Discussion of recognition for library staff member.

The next meeting of the Friends is May 21 at 6:30 at the Library.