

Friends of the Exeter Public Library meeting minutes from 8/9/22

Sat, Aug 13,
12:20 PM

Present: Sarah James, Barbara Young, Hope Godino, Susan Feltus, Martha Walsh, Carla Tishler, Susan Scales

1. Treasurer's report: First and foremost WE NEED A NEW TREASURER

! Email sczjames2@gmail.com if you think you might be able to fill this role for us. The time commitment is about 1 hour a month and we have an experienced treasurer to train you.

Financially we are doing well. See reports at bottom of this email. In a nutshell, over the past 2 months we've received \$150 in donations and spent \$800 on things for the library: \$750 for meeting room chairs that will proudly bear our name and a \$50 donation to the teen snack fund. The trustees sent us a nice thank you card for our donation. Our bank balance is around \$1800.

2. Community Day at Water St Bookstore: On Thursday, September 1, Water St Bookstore will donate 10% of all sales made either in person or via their website to our group! They do ALL the work, all we need to do is publicize the event and buy some books. So draw up your back to school list, holiday shopping list, book club reading list, etc. and buy or order everything on September 1! A promotional poster is attached to this email. Feel free to print it up and post it anywhere you think it would attract attention. There will also be color copies at the library circulation desk, so you can stop by and pick those up for posting. Carla will post downtown, Susan F will cover River Woods, Martha will post at the Mill apartments and Barbara at the Rec Department. Please spread the word to your family and any of your book loving friends! Sarah will send in a well timed letter to the editor and Carla will post on some social media groups. Please post on any online groups you access as well. Thanks in advance to Water St Books!

3. Cribbage Day: Next Cribbage Day is Saturday morning 8/20 at the library. The group is building momentum and new players of all levels are always welcome!

4. Library Open House: The library trustees are hosting an open house to thank the community for their continued support on Tuesday, September 20th from 1 to 4 pm. They will be offering tours and serving cider and donuts. We volunteered to work on some activities: Susan F will ask Churchill's Garden Center and Ani's Bagels for gift cards to combine for a great raffle prize. If they do, then maybe we can pair them with a plant (and some bagels!) in a basket. Sarah will work on developing an adult scavenger hunt. Please respond to this email if you think you can volunteer for a few hours that day.

5. Future event: Thinking waaaaay ahead we discussed asking The Community Oven in Hampton or The Oven in Epping if we can be one of their "Community Monday" recipients. This would be similar to last April's event at Sea Dog: They would donate a portion of the evening's profits to us and we would have a presence there with gift baskets or other items to raffle off. We likely would not do this until next spring. Start thinking about raffle item donation possibilities, either from local businesses or community members.

6. Founders Park: In a surprise move the town was able to get a grant and the statue in Founders Park has been beautifully restored! Many thanks to the restorers: they did a wonderful job and were very careful with the garden. The garden is in full bloom and looks great. Some people wondered about an explanatory plaque, as it is not clear to people walking by what the elements of the statue represent. Hope will discuss with Parks and Rec and Public Works whether a plaque would be appropriate. We volunteered to help fund it, as it would complement the library and garden nicely.

7. Indigenous People's day at Founders Park: Exeter's Racial Unity Team is planning a day of activities on Monday, October 10th and asked if the friends would staff a craft table for a corn husk doll activity. this sounded right up our alley! The Team will supply all the supplies and instructions. We just need to provide the table and some friendly volunteers. Hope will also ask the Team about having some theme-appropriate coloring pages for children too young to make a corn husk doll. We don't yet know what time they'll want us there, but mark it on your calendar and respond to this email if you are interested in being contacted about this activity.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 13th, 6:30 pm at the library. Hope to see you there!

Friends of the Exeter Public Library_financial report

	Date	To/From	For	Amt
Bank Balance	6/1/2022			\$ 2,465.18
Receipts	6/16/2022	Donation: L. Tongbua	General operations	\$ 150.00
Expenses	6/22/2022	Exeter Public Library Building Fund	5 chairs	\$750.00
	6/22/2022	Exeter Public Library Programs	Teen program	\$50.00
Bank Balance	6/30/2022			\$ 1,815.18

On 7/1/2022, the bank account opening balance was \$ 1,815.18

Receipts: none 0

Expenses: none 0

On 7/31/2022, the bank account closing balance was \$ 1,815.18