



Minutes

February 15, 2023

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Silvia Trust Room, Middleborough Public Library

Board Present: Barbara Chadwick, Colleen Evers, Diane Fay, Paula Fay, Tony Freitas, Randy Gagne

Board Absent: Dave Pincus, Jessica Pincus

Guest: Samantha O'Conner

Minutes from January: Motion by Paula with second from Tony. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Communications: Memorial donations for Sharon Davis are being received. There will be discussion regarding the most appropriate tribute. Randy will discuss with library staff.

Treasurer's Update: Quarterly report will be presented in March. The Friends remain solvent.

February Fundraising/Program Review: Income from Annual membership, April Tea, and Canvas Bag sales.

Board Appointment: Motion made by Diane and seconded by Tony to have Samantha O'Connor join the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Grant/Funding Opportunities:

Mass Cultural Council Grant: Festivals & Projects: Decision date changed to March.

Movie Night Outdoor Equipment: Follow up correspondence has been sent to Peirce Trust

New England State Touring (NEST) Grant: Grants being finalized for March 1 submittal.

Marketing Material/Expenditures:

General Branding Meeting held with Anthony Adi-Saad. Waiting for feedback.

Donor Management Software: Randy and Paula to meet on Friday to determine appropriate strategy for potential testing of product using free trial.

Events/Activities Update & Discussion:

Seasonal Floral Design Workshops: Barbara reached out to Lakeville Garden Club. They will be bringing forward a proposal to hold summer activity using local flowers.

Book Store: Colleen indicates that only four volunteers have signed up for the March get together. She will continue to work with Sandy on this.

Mini-Golf Fundraiser: Hole sponsors information is still in flux. Awaiting more details from Jessica. Outreach to Fire, Police, and Teacher Unions for sponsorship will take place. Samantha will explore potential sponsorship from 550 Restaurant in Halifax.

Local Cultural Council Reception: Event planned for March 26th at the library. Friends will discuss plans for November Dinner Theater event.

April Tea: Fully booked with majority of payments received.

Sunday Concert: February 19 – Hollow Turtle. Final Concert is March 19th. Barriers and signs will be put in place to limit access to lot for the February Concert.

Hometown Hero Banner Project: A joint collaboration between the library and the veterans agent was discussed. The Friends voted to initially allocate \$600 to incorporate the Deborah Sampson performance by History At Play into the event. Motion by Diane with second from Barbara. Passed unanimously.

Parking Lot Discussion:

Landscape/Hardscape: No activity. Awaiting installation of fence when weather permits.

Discussion pertaining parking lot access barriers used by Adam Bond.

Downtown Improvement Committee Update: No additional activity.

Library Update: Randy provided information on newspapers from the Historical Museum that will be digitized. Also discussed display cabinet acquisition and displaying of artwork in the lower-level lobby. New layout of the computer area on Main floor will be taking place. Cubicles will be removed to create a more open floor plan.

Unanticipated: Discussion on soliciting sponsorship from cannabis businesses for adult fundraisers. Outreach to Board of Library Trustees will take place.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

Meeting was Adjourned: 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Diane Fay