

FRIENDS

OF THE JOSHUA HYDE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Minutes of January 13, 2020

Meeting called to order by Donna Englander, President.

Present: Donna Englander, Leila Glaser, Lynn Eckhert, Jane Zavistoski, Angie Ellison, Bailey Applegate, Sarah Connor, and Anne Fisher

Minutes: Approved

Director's Report: No report

Appointment: Angie Ellison was appointed as the new acting secretary

Treasurer

- Jane Zavistoski updated everyone on the monthly statement. She noted that the annual review/audit of the accounts is still outstanding. Leila Glaser, Lynn Eckhert, and Angie Ellison volunteered to perform said review.
- Still in need of a permanent treasurer. Jane will be listed at "acting treasurer" in newsletter.

Newsletter

- There was discussion regarding the graphics of the newsletter and its content. Bailey Applegate stated she would have the newsletter out by January 16th. The newsletter along with the President's letter will be included in the Membership drive mailing.

Website/Museum Passes

- The Museum Pass listing on the website needed to be updated. The PawSox and Roger Williams Zoo should be removed. Additionally, the Friend's Bylaws should be added to the site.

Book Sale

- The book sale will be April 3 from 2-4 pm; April 4 from 10-2 pm; April 5 from 12- 2 pm. Set up will be the night of April 1st and 2nd. Volunteers are welcome.

New Business

- **Membership Drive:**
 - The discussion focused on the process of getting the membership materials out. Suggestions were made to include the membership envelopes at various Friends' sponsored events. There are presently 250 present members but the mailing will go out to 360, including all members from 2014-2019; A question was posed if we followed up with individuals who indicate they want to volunteer on the membership form. There was no decisive answer; the issue would be brought up at another meeting.
 - Sarah Connor discussed the possibility of getting younger patrons involved with the Friends organization. Suggestions were made to go to Friends-sponsored events and publicize the contributions and ask people to get involved, particularly at the children's events. Donna Englander will follow up with Patricia Lalli (Children's Librarian) if she would have other suggestions to improve the outreach to the guardians of the children who participate in the programs.
 - Membership table will be set up at the Charlie Zahn event on February 22 as well as Stewing Over Mysteries. There was extensive discussion to make some of these hallmark free events with a donation option. A consensus was reached to do so in future events.
- **Mini-golf** will be March 7-8. Many suggestions were made regarding how to get additional people and organizations to fabricate a golf hole. Some include the Scouts, Town Departments, the Schools, Town Administrator and Old Sturbridge Village
- **Bulletin Board:** Attempts are being made to get it to stand out. Suggestions were to change its location or make a new sign.

Old Business – No Report

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: February 7, 1 pm, Library meeting room