

# FRIENDS

OF THE JOSHUA HYDE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Minutes of March 13, 2020

Meeting called to order by Donna Englander, President.

**Present:** Donna Englander, Leila Glaser, Anne Fisher, Hannah Darling and Becky Plimpton

**Minutes:** Approved

**Director's Report:**

- Becky Plimpton, Library Director, requested that the Spring Book Sale be postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The new dates will be April 24-26 with set up starting Thursday, April 23 (possibly Wednesday evening). Prior to that date, if the virus still isn't under control, the event will be further postponed or cancelled.
- Daytime book discussions are being cancelled. Evening ones likely to be as well. The library will likely be closed as well, but for now not sure when or for how long.

**Treasurer (reported by Leila Glaser):**

- We are still seeking a permanent Treasurer for the Friends. Becky will post a notice on the library's Facebook page asking for volunteers for this position.
- Jane Zavistoski will be unavailable due to a family medical emergency.
- Mini-golf had 149 players this year (vs. 153 last year). We made \$808.50. After expenses, we netted \$727.50.
- Membership is ahead of last year as of now. We have 130 members to date. For those who haven't yet responded to the mailing, a "miss you" note will be added to their copy of the newsletter.

**Newsletter:**

- There will be a slight delay getting out newsletter to update cancellation information.

**Website/Museum Passes:**

- Hannah is going to add a one-time donation button to website. We previously had one, but it disappeared when we changed site providers. Button was somehow linked to old site, so Hannah is working on figuring out how to add it.
- We will post a "Call for Volunteers" prior to big events like mini-golf vs. a general call with no specific jobs available.
- Hannah will add a button at the bottom of Vertical Response emails sent to members that links directly to our website in order to drive more views of the site. Looking for other suggestions to increase site traffic.
- Only about one quarter of email recipients actually open the emails. Will put a blurb in newsletter asking if we have everyone's correct email address.
- Hannah will work to set up a Google Drive to store all relevant Friends documents, such as agendas and minutes. This should be password protected. These documents will continue to be emailed to board.
- Hannah removed museum passes from website we are no longer using. Donna will look into adding other passes.

**New Business:**

- The Sturbridge Farmer's Market asked that we take part in the Community Table. Leila will explore dates for us to man a table. Donna will contact the Market to coordinate.
- April 24 will be our next Baba Sushi fundraiser. Hannah will send out email reminder and post on website. Hannah to forward Baba email to Donna re: dates and use of function room.
- There was a discussion as to if we should sell water in addition to coffee. Need Becky's approval.

**Old Business:**

- **Mini-golf:** Had more people create golf holes for the event, including the library staff, town hall staff, the Rotary Club, Center of Hope and Tantasqua High School CAD program. Already had offers for next year from Mary Beth Parent, Fritz Foster, Sue and Cliff Gregory and other day care providers.

**Next Meeting: April 17 @ 1 pm, Library meeting room**