

Annual Meeting Minutes

29Jan2024/ 05:00 PM / 47 Maplevale Rd. East Kingston

Attendees

- Aine Cronin (Zoom), Stacy Friedman, Cara Gray, Carol Powers, Nikki Cutler, Zoe Sucu, Sherry Castle, Debbie O'Neill



Agenda

1. Call to order - 5:08pm and welcome

2. Regular Reports

- Approved minutes from October 2023 meeting
- Used Book Store Report
 - More sales than expected
 - Estimated maybe 6,000 books
 - Carol has developed some good relationships with local stores that have interest in buying books/records/CDs ect.. When they don't sell at the PUBS.
 - Generally they keep inventory 2-3 months before they offered to other local stores
- Library Update
 - In the previous year the library ran 307 programs and had 3,913 participants
 - Most of the programs were paid for by the FoEKPL
 - Hoopla
 - Library asking for funding first year see budget for breakdown.
 - Includes:
 - Is a one-stop-shop for all things digital entertainment. Hoopla offers library cardholders instant access to over a million titles and growing across 7 formats: Audiobooks, eBooks, comics/graphic novels, movies, television, music and BingePass. Hoopla allows patrons to stream or download any title for free with a valid library card. Patrons will not experience the frustration of holds or waiting lists.

- Fireplace
 - Jamie Cook gave the best quote to fix the fireplace. See budget
- Shed (Leaving this on the minutes from Q3 to remind us to come back to in spring)

3. Q2 2023 Treasurer's Report

- Charitable gaming
 - No gaming dates as of this meeting
 - Will need to f/u with Scott
 - Pending check is here. They will cash it when they able to get approval from state for dates
- Big ticket items for library request:
 - Please see 2024 Budget for more details on amounts
 - Hoopla
 - Starting a "Library of things"
 - Fireplace fix
 - Adding museum pass: Isabel Stewart Garden

4. Old Business

- Quilt raffle
 - Stacy to make poster
 - Raffle drawn March 12 (after voting)
 - Already made a significant amount from voting day
- Book bag promo
 - Continuing fundraiser
 - Maybe could DIY decorate bag if people purchase a bag.
- Book, Bake and Plant Sale
 - May 18, 2024 10-2
- Guinea Pig cost (F/U with Zoe in spring meeting)
 - Zoe will look into possibly finding a local pet store interested in sponsoring library mascot
- Water Street Bookstore
 - Thursday Feb. 1, 2024 all day and online that day.
- Otto Pizza

- Date to be determined.
- Nikki to F/U with Chesly about date

5. New Business

- Friends 2023 Annual Membership Drive
 - Still need someone to look into Venmo for FoEKPL
 - 2024 drive to track “active” members. About 24
- Annual Elections
 - Treasurer
 - Sherry to graciously take over the “accounting books”
 - Stacy to act as interim treasurer
 - Motioned and seconded
 - Will need to go bank and get put on account
 - President
 - Aine to continue as President
 - Motioned and seconded
 - Secretary
 - Stacy to continue as Secretary
 - Motioned and seconded
 - Will vote in a Director in March, so we have the required amount of people.
 - Stacy will F/U in spring meeting for creating an “intern position” maybe middle school or high school student.

6. Upcoming Dates

- 2024 Quarterly meeting dates (all will start at 5pm) TBD
 - April
 - July
 - Oct
- Holiday Social
 - Next meeting discuss if we want to continue this tradition
- Book, Bake, & Plant Sale
 - May 18 2024 10-2

7. Recap

- Action Items
 - Make Flyers for Stacy
 - Book, Bake & Plant Sale
 - And a ask for volunteers to help set up before
 - Quilt Raffle: to be drawn on March 12
 - Quilt Raffle from Carol
 - Flyer looking for “advertising intern”

Closed at 6:55pm