

Friends of the East Kingston Public Library

Minutes of the January 14, 2021

Zoom Virtual General Information Meeting

Call to Order and Commentary:

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary at 7:07pm. The following members of the

Board of Management were present:

- Sherry Castle, Treasurer
- Sharman Cohen, Secretary
- Carol Powers, UBS Director

Friends Members, and Library Personnel in attendance:

- Kim Pirger
- Jeanne Furfari
- Aime Cronin
- Zoe Sucu, Library Assistant

The meeting was turned over for the Treasurer to run so the Secretary could take notes.

A quorum was established for this meeting.

Regular Reports:

A preview of our new website was presented. A change in the agenda was presented and accepted.

The minutes of the 11-17-2020 open board zoom meeting was accepted as written. Approved by Carol Powers and seconded by Kim Pirger.

The 2020 Q4 financial report was presented by Sherry Castle. There was one line that did not calculate correctly (Total Administrative Expenses). The corrected report was accepted. Carol Powers approved and Kim Pirger seconded as presented.

Used Book Store Report was presented by Carol Powers. The UBS had the 2nd best profitable year in the last 12 years. Carol agreed with keeping the UBS 2021 budget the same, \$2800. To promote more business (to make more room for used books coming to us) it was suggested we send out flyers to other libraries in the area that do not have used book stores (via email), perhaps ask to use the fire station digital sign, also send out flyers via Mailchimp and check the cost of flyers to townspeople. Zoe offered to put it in the March Library newsletter they are creating. Spoke about security at the UBS where there is no internet. Sharman will reach out to the town hall (Grace Reule) for assistance.

Fundraising Report: Sherry has contacted a Dover screen printer who is looking into costs for us. The Library is locating the original print of the Library and Heather has created a newer version (the steeple with the turkey weathervane). Discussion about the wording – do we use; Friends of EKPL or just EKPL. We decided as a group to present both prints and wording and see if it is cost effective to do canvas bags, sweatshirts and t-shirts (selling at cost to the public).

Library Program update: Zoe spoke about sharing a virtual comic book events with Brentwood Library at the end of the month. A kit will be available for young adults to create their own comic book. Book discussion groups for 6th graders and adults resume this month and all is listed on the EKPL website. On Feb 9th Wild Life in America is hosting a zoom with the NH Conversation and EK Conversation Committees. Their focus is the migration of animals through our area. During Feb Vacation there will be an author and illustrator (Rita Judge) presenting for Pre-K.

Old Business:

2021 Budget review: The budget is on our website. There were no questions. The budget was accepted as presented, Carol Powers approved and Zoe Sucu seconded.

FoEKPL President position is still open. The position needs to be filled. The job description is posted on our new website. The position is primarily organizational and leadership; a contact for the public.

Friends' webpage is up and running. Many thanks to Zoe for the great job. We will continue to educate members how to navigate the website to gain access to minutes and all reports.

New Business:

Sherry spoke about the Games of Chance. We have our scheduling and people assigned for dates posted. The schedule is on our website.

ALA Membership: We are now members and hope to gain further knowledge from their conferences and virtual meetings on various Friend's topics. Aine and Kim expressed interest and will be sent the links.

Dates for upcoming meetings: these will be posted on our website.

March 11, 2021 at 7pm (virtual) Annual Meeting

April 22, 2021 at 7pm (virtual) Q2 Meeting

July 22, 2021 at 7pm (virtual) Q3 Meeting

Oct 21, 2021 at 7pm (virtual) Q4 Meeting

Friends' communication via email distribution list. Discussion about Mailchimp, who receives the communication we send out. Only if they have given us their email do members and nonmembers receive our notifications. If mail in ballots were to be sent out the email would only go to members with emails on file. Everything else can be sent to current members and nonmembers. The Trustees and Library Staff will also receive emails.

UBS: Carol would like to see if they could have a list of whom is using the facility. Perhaps a list could be posted in the glass box beside the main door.

We discussed the whereabouts of the turkey weathervane shown in the Steeple drawing (for art design for fundraising bags, t-shirts and sweatshirts). The Library is built on the site of Maplevale Turkey Farm It was damaged in a storm. The Friends would like to have it repaired or replaced. Aine will give us a contact for someone who repairs metals and she has used.

Upcoming Programming: Any ideas please let the Library staff know. The Friends are the Library audiences and their eyes and ears for ideas that the community would be interested in seeing.

Action items:

FoEKPL President position is still open.

We are looking for a member to chair the Fundraising Events.

Carol will collect data for a UBS flyer for Sharman to email.

Sherry will continue working with the screen printer after securing 2 print logos.

Aine will send information on a repairman for the metal weathervane.

Sharman will contact town hall regarding internet access and a list of UBS groups whom utilize it.

The virtual open board meeting of the Friends was adjourned at 8:27pm, motioned by Sherry Castle, seconded by Carol Powers.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharman H Cohen

Secretary