

Friends of the East Kingston Library

Minutes of the November 1, 2019 Open Board Meeting

Call to Order and Commentary:

The meeting was called to order by the President at 4:04pm at the Pound School Building. The following members of the Board of Management were present:

- Lisanne Cozart, President
- Jennifer Tode, Treasurer
- Mary Ryan, Secretary

Friends Members, Library Personnel, and Library Trustees in attendance:

- Sharon Carleton
- Juliana Clark
- Steve Kemball-Cook
- Louise Kemball-Cook
- Sharman Cohen
- Kim Pirger
- Gisela Lloyd
- Conrad Moses, Library Trustee
- Tracy Waldron, Library Director
- Zoe Sucu, Library Assistant

Regular Reports

A quorum was established for this meeting.

The minutes of the July 12, 2019 Open Board Meeting minutes were moved to approve as amended and the members waived their reading, and were accepted.

Jennifer presented and summarized the Treasurer's report. These were accepted as submitted. Copies were distributed to members present. She reported that casino fees will be going up to \$300.00 per day in 2020. Conrad and Mary are scheduled to sign the last three days this year. Sales have been up at the UBS. Our Flatbread night raised \$377.75. New museum pass, Go Pass, has been paid. 2020 Membership letters have gone out.

Jennifer presented the 2020 Budget for approval. There was a question about the membership income amount. Juliann suggested we put a pitch out on East Kingston Connects for membership renewal/join. Juliann also asked for membership forms to be left at the UBS. Lisanne will send the membership form to Tracy and they will edit them and print them for us.

A new Open flag has been purchased, but we need one with a pocket to go on the existing pole. There was much discussion about the placement of the pole for ease of access. Lisanne will contact the selectman about moving the flag outside one of the windows.

Lisanne still has two mini libraries, and contacted Jone's and Jalisco's. Neither would like one. Tracy said our Library will take one. It was suggested that Maplevale might like one. Lisanne will contact them.

Tracy mentioned there are two programs that we can submit a grant through Humanities to Go.

There was a request for a Holiday Centerpiece class.

Carol Powers has volunteered to run the UBS.

Sharman Cohen has volunteered to be our next Secretary.

There was some discussion about trying to split up the duties of Treasurer. The board will meet to discuss this.

Kim volunteered to help with membership and program organizing.

Sharman volunteered to look through the Humanities to Go catalog. She also suggested a small social to spread understanding of the Friends and volunteer opportunities.

Tracy has a shed full of DVDs of movies for a possible sale at the UBS. It was suggested that we bring them to a PTO meeting, but they are not kid's movies. It was suggested that we check with Meals on Wheels to see if they could distribute them.

Tracy was asked about a holiday event at the Library. One will be planned, but the theme has not yet be decided. Tracy was also asked about any needs the Library may have at this time. She is looking for a carpenter to build a window seat. If we get a quote in 2019, we can hold the funds that are in our current year spend.

One last suggestion to give new members free books on their first visit to the UBS.

The Open Board Meeting of the Friends adjourned 5:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ryan

Secretary