Friends of the East Kingston Library

Minutes of the July 12, 2019 Open Board Meeting

Call to Order and Commentary:

The meeting was called to order by the President at 3:41 pm 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 and Library Trustees in attendance:

- Sharon Carleton
- Norman Carleton
- Steve Kemball-Cook
- Louise Kemball-Cook
- Jeanne Furfari
- Kim Pirger

Regular Reports

A quorum was established for this meeting.

The April 5, 2019 Open Board Meeting minutes were moved to approve waiving their reading, and were accepted.

Jennifer presented and summarized the Treasurer’s report. These were accepted as submitted. Copies were distributed to members present.

Lisanne talked about the Used Book Store, and how it is overrun with books. There was some discussion as to how to or to who we can donate some books to. Jeanne offered to check with the Rockingham County Prison as a possible location to donate some books. The UBS donated books for the Summer Reading Program for the East Kingston Elementary School students. Additionally, Lisanne suggested that Heidi from the Down to Earth Garden Shop may have a use for the books with a Books in Bloom project, or for planters. There was a question as to the value of some of the books that are donated. Lisanne said the Tracy reviews the donations for any that can be sold.

In Tracy’s absence, Lisanne informed us of some of the recent programs that were offered at the Library through the Friends: Kelli’s Cookies was a big hit, but not as well attended as the first time it was offered, floral arrangement class by Down to Earth Garden Shop was well attended. There will be a Book and Bake Sale at the Library on August 10th. A discount coupon towards purchases at the UBS will be offered.
Program scheduling has been a challenge between the available times at the Library and the schedule of the Friends to be present to host a class or program, so applying for a grant is not easy at this time.

Lisanne, on behalf of the Friends, is buying all of the supplies for the End of the Summer Reading program for the Library. Tracy provided her report, via email, and the party supplies request was mentioned in it.

Lisanne asked if a member would be willing to look into a Humanities to go program.

Sharon asked if we could either put out a sandwich board get a new “Open” flag to draw more attention to the UBS. Lisanne will purchase a new flag.

Lisanne will ask if either Julianne or Conrad can sign for the Friends at the Casino on August 11th and 12th.

Kim asked about the duties of a UBS volunteer.

Lisanne has two mini libraries that could be placed somewhere. Two suggestions were Jone’s or Jaliscos.

Kim asked how we get new members. It was suggested that we try an evening meeting to see if more folks would be able to attend. Lisanne will send out a survey asking our members their preference.

The Open Board Meeting of the Friends adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ryan, Secretary