

Friends of the Exeter Public Library

Meeting minutes 1/8/19

Present: Sarah James, Susan Scales, Barbara Young, Hope Godino, Kathy Boudreau

1. Correction to last month's minutes: Under #7, financial matters, Susan pointed out that we didn't need to file the non-profit registration for 2018, as we were covered under the initial registration in the prior year. Thank you Susan!

2. Kids Activity Day! We worked on the plans for our Kids Day out, coming up on Saturday, January 26th from 2:30-4 pm. We chose a movie: "Bon Voyage, Charlie Brown" and discussed crafts and stories to tie in. Please spread the word to any children you know in the 5-11 age bracket - they will have fun! This is an event at which parents can drop off their kids and take some needed time to themselves. And please consider stopping by to volunteer that afternoon. We have a bare bones crew and could really use some more help!!!

3. Library Renovations: We will find out on Tuesday, January 15th if the renovation project will be voted on this year - we think it will be and need to get ready to spread the word! There are two scheduled sessions at which library staff, the architects and the trustees will present information and answer questions: Thursday January 24th at 6:30 pm and Thursday February 21st at 2 pm, both at the library. Additional events for your calendar include the deliberative session on Saturday February 2nd (9 am at the high school) and, of course, voting day on Tuesday, March 12th. Your attendance at any event helps the library!

Additional ways to help: Hope has found a donor to fund some yard signs. If you or someone you know has a visible spot in your yard for one please respond to this email. Also the trustees have volunteered to speak to any groups who have questions about the renovation. If you know of a group who would like a trustee to visit please let us know.

4. Farmers' Markets: Save the Dates! We've submitted requests to have a table at the following Farmers Markets on Swasey Parkway: 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/22, 9/19, 10/17. All the markets are on Thursdays and run from approximately 2 to 6. Please think about whether you can volunteer on any or all of these dates. Once the market manager gets back to us about which dates we can come we will spread the word.

5. School Supplies for Teens: The donation box is a big success with many people making donations. the teens are thrilled! Hope will ask Julia, the teen librarian, whether she would like additional items donated. Maybe packaged fruit snacks? Stay tuned.

6. Donate-a-Book Program: Susan is still looking over the paperwork and Hope has not yet found just the right size bulletin board for us to use. More on this next month.

7. Financials and Legalese: We are fully registered as a non-profit with the NH Secretary of State and just need to update our current officer list with them. We also need to register with the Department of Justice. Kathy and Susan will work on

this. Once we are registered with both groups we can pursue further the inquiry we had from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation about a possible donation.

Susan has developed an official check request form, to make reimbursement easier and more trackable. Attached is our 2018 Income Statement. Let us know if you have any questions.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 12th, 6:30 pm in the library. Hope to see you there!