

Friends of the Exeter Public Library

Meeting Minutes 11/6/18

Present: Lorraine Jurdi, Sarah James, Hope Godino, Barbara Young, Danette Wineberg, May Delaney, Kathy Boudreau

1. Financial Matters: Our treasurer, Susan Scales, has been added as a signer to the checking account. We have changed to online checking which will save us some money. Susan and president Kathy Boudreau will meet soon to renew the state paperwork for non-profit organizations. We had several donations and our checking account balance is \$173.00.
2. Winter Farmer's Market: We have been given table space at the market on 3/9/18. If other openings become available before then the market people will let us know and we will try to rustle up some volunteers on short notice.
3. Media: Our VP May Delaney, will soon start working on our Facebook page. She reached out to the Exeter Chamber of Commerce and they offered to advertise any of our events through their website.
4. Event planning: Set aside space on your calendar for the next Friends event: a kids activity day at the library on Saturday, January 26 from 2 to 5 pm! We will have snacks (likely popcorn, juice and water to minimize the allergy potential), show a movie, lead the kids in a craft and read some stories. We strategized about how to advertise, including through the local papers (Exeter Newsletter, Carriagetown News), local schools and the C of C. We will plan this more at future meetings, but are tentatively planning that parents will be able to drop off their kids. We won't charge a fee but may set out a donation jar. The target age of kids is 5 to 11.
If this event goes well we can repeat it regularly. **We'll need some volunteers - Please let us know if you can help !!!**
5. Library bond: The Library staff is working with the town budget recommendation committee and will know soon if the library repair project will be on the town ballot in March.
6. Fundraising: The Library Staff came up with a "Wish List" of items we can work towards funding:
 - lawn signs for the library bond (hopefully) : \$200 / 20 signs
 - sponsor a musician to give a concert in the adult services area : \$100-250
 - sponsor an entertainer, author or other special event in the children's area : \$200-500 (author will be more)

We also discussed a few smaller projects:

- Donate-A-Book program to the library. Sarah James will contact Sue Wakefield at RiverWoods to see if this is something they can help with. We can also open it to all library patrons - more info to follow!
- School supplies for teens: Many teens come to the library and need supplies to work with, including graph and college ruled paper, pens, markers and colored pencils. Sarah and Kathy will make up a donation box with our Friends logo that we can place in the library so we can start collecting.

7. We're beginning to be known! We've had a few people who want to donate books and time to the library contact us. Some questions we answer, some we refer on to the library staff as appropriate. Great to see our group becoming known!

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 pm in the library. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!