

Friends of the Middleborough Public Library

Minutes

Date: February 23, 2022

In Attendance: Colleen Evers, Chastity Menard, Pat Condry, Diane Fay, Paula Fay, Diana Lawson

Library Director- Randy Gagne'

Meeting called to order: 6:10pm

Jessica- a representative from the organization hosting Middleboro's candidates' night.

Jessica contacted Paula Fay to express her interest in the Friends sponsorship of a candidate's night. Sponsorship expectations would be by way of funding the rental of a facility, as well as the use of the Friends insurance policy to cover the event. Jessica spoke to the board covering the following topics:

- The town does not organize a "meet the candidate's night"
- The Gazette and Oak Point Veterans were previous sponsors
- The candidate night organization would prefer to do an in-person event
- 3 candidates on the ballot

The board was in agreement that it is required that any function or event is required to be for the benefit of the Friends and its mission.

Colleen supplied alternative organizations for Jessica to pursue for sponsorship that included the Rotary Club and the Elks.

Review of previous meeting minutes:

January minutes will be updated to reflect the Thank You letter to Tracy for her service on the Board.

Treasurers report: Tony was not in attendance therefore the Treasurers report will be reviewed at March's meeting.

Items discussed:

Response from Bill Decas to letter regarding possible Peirce House endowment (verbal)

- Mr. Decas' will was updated to reflect the endowment to the Friends of the property known as the Pierce House.

Bricks

Colleen and Pat to meet to discuss brick program and status going forward.

Canvas bags-

It is expected that the canvas bags will be sold for \$10.00 each.

A unanimous vote resulted in the choice of the horizontal rectangular bag.

Colleen will confer with Mr. Abbi-Saad to determine the best price point for the number of bags for purchase and printing.

Breakfast event is temporarily on hold.

Colleen presented the idea of a teddy bear tea or pirate tea. She will review the calendar to check for events scheduled and specifically examine October dates.

Tea event-topics discussed

- Tables of 6
- Staffing
- Set up day prior-Sat 3:00pm
- Pianist?
- Approval for 6/12/22 tea- Chastity made a motion/Diane 2nd-Unanimous vote
- Diane and Paula suggested tea events could be hosted 5X per year to represent seasons/holidays etc.
- “Debra Sampson”/Victorian event/Gossip girl- her cost is around \$620.00 per event. Diane and Paula will check on cost and see if her rate is negotiable.
- Paula to investigate Gossip Girl and rate with Judith-Pat made a motion and Diane 2nd- vote was unanimous.

Bookstore

Diane suggested that water and snacks be offered when the bookstore is open.

Sandy oversees the operation of the bookstore and Colleen suggested that we should leave the decision to Sandy. We will take a vote when/if Sandy contacts the board.

Membership drive

- Suggested that 2 sheets of paper are sent so that the patron is only sending back one sheet
- Bookstore donation-once online donation ability is figured out Chastity made a motion for these changes and Diane 2nd-vote was unanimous
- Diane has access to Oak Point list of names and suggested mailing could be made from this list.

Fundraising

- Paula and Diane to attend a mini golf event in Conn. at the Bethel Library to investigate ways to support the library for events and programs.
- Chastity suggested a literary tea

Paula proposed a library workers proclamation to bring to staff. Town offices can print the proclamation. Randy will confer with Paula as to when to bring to the Town to be finalized.

Parking Lot

- The parking lot continues to be utilized by patrons of the Antique Co-op. Randy has recently received complaints from library patrons with regard to accessibility during library hours.
- Options discussed included, chaining the lot, and towing non library patrons.
- Colleen will send a friendly reminder letter to the Owner of the Antique Co-Op that the parking lot is private property.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm