

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, board meeting on January 8, 2024 – held on Zoom. Prepared by: Amity Kelley

**Present:** Elizabeth Kasab, Alice Cusner, Amity Kelley, Matthew Landau, Kate Mason, Catherine Ranahan, Kashmica Sarkar, Carolyn Weeks, Lee Ann Amend (library director),

**Key Tasks assigned at this meeting:**

**All:**

*Promote upcoming events*

**Alice:**

*Adopt a Book, as needed*

*Review and revise the membership database as needed*

**Carolyn:**

*Keep us updated on trustees' and new library issues*

*Check PO Box and Friends box regularly*

**Elizabeth GJ:**

*Help with social media, as needed*

*Prepare and manage [bookshop.org](http://bookshop.org) site*

**Elizabeth K:**

Meet with Matt and Eastern bank rep to discuss CD for savings portion of FOSPL account.

Create flyer in Canva for Valentine-themed acrylic paint night on 2/8 5:30-7, 15 people max with sign-up, cost TBD.

Reserve community room for upcoming events (2/8 paint class, 2/15 movie, 2/29 Kim Miller, 3/21 EGJ Author talk

**Joanne:**

*Help with Website, Facebook, and Instagram*

**Kashmica:**

Host make-up for some attendees who couldn't attend winter workshop on zoom due to power problems in town.

Will inquire with OBOT whether FOSPL can add some programming for the book.

Host acrylic paint session at the library on 2/8 5:30 - 7 (5 pm setup) and determine supplies, suggest cost.

Will email Emma's dad about FOSPL table at Emma's Run in the Spring.

Follow up with Amy, at library, about Middle School author talk.

**Kate:**

Will confirm what art supplies are still available for acrylic paint night

Will look into library adult book club with Bullet Swallower

**Lee Ann:**

*Post our event slides on library TV*

**Matthew:**

*Handle memberships, donations, finances, as needed*

With Elizabeth K, meet with Eastern bank about possible CD

**Director update: Lee Ann**

Started with LeeAnn's report since she had to leave early.

She reported lots of new library building tasks that are taking up a lot of time. Working on shelving, collections, personnel changes, telephones, security. She was told that once it gets going, it will move quickly so better to have all the planning considerations made.

Not making any big IT changes as part of the move since they have recently completed many. Her evening availability is getting limited but she is available via email. Her veteran's programs may be more limited as well, but Elizabeth K. said to let us know where FOSPL might assist there.

**Trustees: Carolyn**

Carolyn added that she and Cheryl have been attending Friday meetings on the new library. She added that Cheryl will be hiring a professional muralist for creating a mural at the entrance of the new library.

Alice motioned to approve December 11 minutes

Carolyn seconded

Motion passed

**Finance update: Matthew**

Matt reported \$1000 donation from Karen's daughter to fund the Bags on Wheels program. He created a separate line for that purpose.

He added that a few memberships came in and Alice added that a \$100 Adopt-a-book should be there too. Kashmica asked about the OBOT part of the statement, and he responded that their monies will go with them if they set up their own non-profit status. Matt just paid the insurance and has started the tax return.

Alice motioned to accept the financial report.

Elizabeth K. seconded

Motion passed

**Events**

Winter watercolor workshop: Kashmica

Recent workshop was well-received but some were unable to attend due to power outages so another night has been scheduled for those attendees.

A February acrylic workshop, Valentine theme, was proposed for 2/8. Elizabeth K. will reserve the community room and create a flyer. Kate will review supplies, Kashmica will determine what else is needed. Cost TBD.

19th Amendment Movies and discussion

Joanne and LWV have settled on:

2/8 Stoughton movie

2/15 Sharon movie (Elizabeth K will reserve community room)

2/29 6:30 pm Kim Miller discussion (Elizabeth K. will reserved community room)

Joanne has flyer. LeeAnn recommended registrations if a crowd is expected.

Author Talk: Elizabeth Gonzalez James new book

3/21 in the Community room

Possibly collaborate with adult book club at the library

The Bullet Swallower book tour commences on 1/23/2024 at 7 at the Cambridge Bookstore

**Potential programs:**

Fostering empathy talk or workshop - Still need to find out from Lee Ann and library staff how this might work.

Jr. Author event with Middle Schooler author of poetry book

Kashmica will speak w/Amy at the library about the potential audience and time.

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Kashmica motioned to adjourn.

Kate seconded.

Motion passed

Future meeting dates: 2/5, 3/4, 4/8, 5/6, 5/20 (book sale debrief), and 6/10