

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, potluck on June 10, 2024 – held at Elizabeth Kassab's house. Prepared by: Joanne Blatte

Present: Joanne Blatte, Charlotte Hogan, Elizabeth, Gonzalez James, Elizabeth Kassab, Amity Kelley, Matthew Landau, Kate Mason, Catherine Ranahan, Kashmica Sarkar,

Key Tasks assigned at this meeting:

All:

Promote upcoming events

Alice:

Adopt a Book, as needed

Manage the membership database as needed

Sell high-value books on abebooks.com

Carolyn:

Keep us updated on trustees' and new library issues

Check PO Box and Friends box regularly

Catherine:

Consider the secretary role

Charlotte:

Follow up with Professor Kim Miller

Elizabeth GJ:

Help with social media, as needed

Work with Elizabeth K on newsletters, as needed

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Email members, as needed

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Contact Lee Ann about annual meeting date and reserve room

Discuss Lee Ann with the possibility of holding a book sale in November, 2025 if we can't hold one in May, 2025

Contact OBOT leaders about proposed author programs

Contact 2nd graders teachers and Lee Ann about David A Kelly

Joanne:

Help with Website, Facebook, and Instagram

Kashmica:

Ask Ruth Weiner about author talk in March, 2025 and organize activities

Lee Ann:

Post our event slides on library TV

Keep us informed about new library

Work with Elizabeth to confirm annual meeting date and room reservation

Matthew:

Handle memberships, donations, finances, as needed

Work with OBOT on closing account and transferring funds

We decided on the following meeting dates for next year:

9/9, 10/7, 10/10 – annual meeting, 11/4, 12/9, 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5

Elizabeth will confirm annual meeting date with Lee Ann and reserve the community room

Charlotte will follow up with Professor Kim Miller to schedule her talk on the movie Iron Jawed Angels. We would like to hold in fall (possibly at annual meeting) before the election.

The book sale (assuming we can hold in May) will be 5/15 – 5/18. If we can't hold in May, we will consider holding one in November (if Lee Ann and trustees agree)

We will decide on Book sale recap and June potluck dates next year

OBOT:

OBOT is disbanding. We would like to hold more author events to continue having Sharon community to come together to read the same book.

Matthew has a new position at Barnes and Noble and arranges author talks there. He volunteered to help arrange author talks for us. Elizabeth GJ also knows local authors. We would like to do a children's book author and one for adults.

Kashmica suggested Ruth Weiner. Her latest book is *Milli Finds Her Bench*. Some themes in the book are flowers/gardens and memory care. We could coordinate events with the COA, the garden club. Kashmica could hold flower painting or writing activities for children. Kashmica will discuss with Ruth Weiner

Matthew suggested David A. Kelly, author ballpark mysteries. Kelly also came and spoke to Sharon 2nd graders. Elizabeth K will contact the 2nd graders for advice on activities we could hold connected to Kelly's appearance (that appeal to all students). We will talk to Lee Ann about best timing for talk – 5:30pm might attract more families.

Elizabeth K will inform OBOT leaders about our ideas and see if they are okay transferring their remaining funds to us for these author programs. Elizabeth will then give Matthew approval to contact David Kelly.

Joanne announced that she will be stepping down as secretary but will remain on the board. Catherine is considering taking the role.

Meeting adjourned