

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, board meeting on May 8, 2024 – held on Zoom. Prepared by: Joanne Blatte

Present: Joanne Blatte, Alice Cusner, Amity Kelley, Matthew Landau, Kate Mason, Catherine Ranahan, Kashmica Sarkar, Carolyn Weeks

Key Tasks assigned at this meeting:

All:

Promote upcoming events

Volunteer for sorting and book sale

Bring boxes to the community room

Alice:

Adopt a Book, as needed

Manage the membership database as needed

Print 2 membership lists for Thursday of sale

Sell high-value books on abebooks.com

Amity:

Bring tent for book sale

Carolyn:

Keep us updated on trustees' and new library issues

Check PO Box and Friends box regularly

Ask permission to put a sale lawn sign at Chalkfest

Confirm we can put lawn sign at library

Open library on Sunday

Elizabeth GJ:

Help with social media, as needed

Get bags for bag day

Elizabeth K:

Email members, as needed

Send email about book donations and sale

Obtain book sale cash from Matthew

Bring ones for the book sale

Meet with Kashmica and OBOT

Bring table and chairs for outdoor sale

Joanne:

Help with Website, Facebook, and Instagram

Update book sale volunteer schedule

Bring ipads and square to book sale

Kashmica:

Set up meeting Kate/Elizabeth and OBOT

Kate:

Meet with Kashmica and OBOT

Bring printed member forms

Bring tent and tarps

Ask Elizabeth GJ to get bags for bag day

Tell organizations to come at 3pm on bag day for leftover books

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

Arrange to give cash to Elizabeth K

Work with OBOT to close their bank account

Alice motioned to approve April 8, 2024 minutes

Matthew seconded

Motion passed

Library and Trustees update:

Library budget was approved at town meeting

The Trustees will see if they can help more at book sale

Finance update: Matthew

Matthew paid signorama and reimbursed board members and Karen Dahl

We received \$500 in donations and \$3,000 from SCU.

Matthew took out \$500 cash for the book sale. Elizabeth will bring more ones. On Monday, Matthew will meet to give Elizabeth K the cash.

OBOT

Kashmica says the group has decided to disband. They still have almost \$4,200 in bank. The group will need to decide what they want to do with the money.

We don't want to takeover the OBOT community activities. Joanne suggested that we could hold an author talk with the OBOT money and library could host a book club. We would NOT call this event OBOT.

OBOT will need to meet with Matthew to close the bank account.

Elizabeth and/or Kate can join Kashmica to meet with OBOT to discuss options.

Book Sale:

We still need a little more help at the sale and baked goods.

Elizabeth Kassab will send an email out to members – membership, book donations, and book sale info and volunteer links

Railing banners will go up during the sale

Alice will print out 2 membership lists for Thursday member day

Joanne will bring ipads and square

Kate will bring printed member forms

Kate and Amity have tents. Amity is not here for the sale. She will get the tent to us before the book sale.

Elizabeth will bring a table

Kate will bring tarps

We will put a rolling cart for people to see while waiting to enter the room.

Amity put a lawn sign out at the library. We have 7-8 more lawn signs. Alice will bring signs to Kashmica, Matthew, and Nendi

Carolyn or Derrick will open at 9am on Sunday

Kate will ask Elizabeth GJ to get bags for bag day

Kate brought some audiobooks to COA and Care One. Kate will also bring them some non-fiction books.

Alice has been looking into selling “valuable” (>\$25) books online. She will sign us up for abebooks.com. Abebooks is free during May and June. Amazon is another option but they charge 99¢ fee per item as long as selling fewer than 40 items per month. Alice will confirm how Abebooks.com handles taxes.

On 5/20, we will hold a Zoom meeting at 7pm to debrief on the sale

Elizabeth Kassab will host June 10 potluck at 6pm.

Alice motioned to adjourn

Matthew seconded

Meeting adjourned

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