

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, Board meeting on December 5, 2022 – held via Zoom. Prepared by: Joanne Blatte

Present: Joanne Blatte, Elizabeth Kassab, Matthew Landau, Kate Mason, Kashmica Sarcar, Carolyn Weeks,

Key Tasks assigned at this meeting:

All:

Promote Chuck Hogan talk and Civics for Adults 2
Register for Civics for Adults 2, if attending
Email Elizabeth Gonzalez James book suggestions for bookshop.org
Email questions for Chuck Hogan talk to Amity

Alice:

Adopt a Book, as needed

Amity:

Moderate Chuck Hogan talk on 12/8
Bake for Chuck Hogan talk

Carolyn:

Keep us updated on trustees' and new library issues
Set up tables and chairs for Chuck Hogan talk at 2pm on Thursday

Elizabeth K:

Work with Matthew to become PayPal account mgr
Prepare and send out member emails with upcoming events
Send an email to Author talk registrants
Set up tables and chairs for Chuck Hogan talk at 2pm on Thursday

Elizabeth GJ:

Prepare and manage bookshop.org Friends site
Work with Kate on talk for April

Joanne:

Help with Website, Facebook, and Instagram
Organize Civics for Adults 2 with LWV
Bring a bowl of Halloween candy for Author talk
Make a sign-in sheet for Chuck Hogan talk

Kashmica:

Prepare for Card Making classes in January, February, and March

Kate:

Handle membership and sponsorship tracking, as needed
Write up current responsibilities for board members to review
Follow up on book bins in Canton
Work with Kashmica on Card Making classes
Forward the email addresses of Chuck Hogan talk registrants to Elizabeth Kassab
Update Friends postcard for Chuck Hogan talk
Set up tables for Chuck Hogan talk at 2pm on Thursday

Lee Ann:

Post our event slides on library TV
Send event flyers to Town Hall for posting/promotion

Matthew:

Handle memberships, donations, finances, as needed
Work with Elizabeth K to make her PayPal account manager
Work with Elizabeth GJ on bookshop.org payment process

Elizabeth motioned to approve November meeting minutes
Matthew seconded
Motion passed

Financial Report: Matthew

Matthew provided updated the 2023 budget. We reviewed the financial report. We have received \$241.25 in donations. The cost for supplies (\$100) for Card Making with Kashmica is under small events. We received \$709.20 in income from the book bins. The library purchased/renewed Battleship Cove and Providence Children's Museum passes. Matthew has provided Lee Ann with a check for our promised funding for the entire year.

Elizabeth motioned to accept financial report
Kashmica seconded
Motion passed

Trustees/Director:

Karen Mafera passed away.

Miss Allison, Children's' librarian is leaving for a new position.

Adopt-a-book:
No activity

Bookshop.org

Elizabeth Gonzalez James set up our page
Board members should email Elizabeth GJ with book titles that we should sell on our page
Matthew and Elizabeth GJ will work to link out bank account to bookshop.org

Book Bin:

Kate sent a letter to William Traut about hosting a bin in Canton near Stone L'Oven.
Steve from Baystate Books said he will follow up with William Traut. Kate will follow up.

Edaville pass:

The Sharon Mom's Club had offered to purchase a museum pass to Edaville Railroad in Carver, MA. Lee Ann inquired and Edaville does not have a library pass program. The Mom's Club instead will donate \$1,000 to the library toward the purchase of a new train table to replace the one that broke. We discussed what the donation process is – when/if donations should go through the Friends vs directly to the library. Carolyn will confirm the donation process with Lee Ann.

Holiday Card Making recap: Kashmica

4 people attended and enjoyed the event. We spent \$100 on supplies.
Kashmica offered to hold more classes. Kashmica and Kate proposed that Kashmica run painting classes for adults with watercolors and teens/tweens with acrylics. The adults would be a 2-hr Zoom and the teens/tweens would be in-person at the library. 3 painting sessions for each age group, one per month in January, February, and March. The community room is open on Wednesday afternoons and a children's librarian will be working. Kate and Kashmica will organize. We all agreed to offer these new classes and increase our budgeted expenses for small events.

Civics for Adults:

Workshop 1 was held on Sunday night. We had over 70 people registered and 42 people actually attended. It was very well-received.

Workshop 2: Citizen Activism 101 — Making Change Happen is scheduled for January 11th at 6 pm. Suzanne Sausville, WBZ Newsradio reporter, will moderate. We already have 20 people signed up for this workshop before actively promoting it.

Joanne will send out graphics to the board and Lee Ann so we can all promote it.

Chuck Hogan Author Talk:

45 people have registered. Registration is not required. We think will have a big crowd and will set up the room for the max – 65 people.

Joanne will confirm that Sharon TV will record it.

Kate will forward Elizabeth Kassab email addresses of registrants. Elizabeth will send an email reminding them about Thursday and notifying them that books will not be for sale, but they can bring a Chuck Hogan book to have signed

We might need more baked goods on Thursday. Joanne will bring a bowl of Halloween candy.

Kate, Elizabeth, and Carolyn will set up chairs and tables at 2pm on Thursday.

Upcoming Events:

Elizabeth Gonzalez James will hold an author talk on Thursday, April 13th 6:30pm-8pm. She will talk about her journey to getting published.

Opportunity Book Reading Challenge: The Mass Center for the Book is running a reading challenge. Read a certain type of book (genre, topic) each month. We could select a book to read and promote each month. We will think about doing this next year if someone will be willing to lead our effort

Melissa Caruso King has a book coming out this week. Matthew will contact Melissa and see if she would do an author talk in February. Kate will check with Lee Ann to see if community room is available on 2/15 or 2/16.

Our next meeting is on 1/9 at 7 pm.

Kashmica motioned to adjourn

Matthew seconded

Motion passed

Future meetings: 2/6, 3/13, 4/3, 5/1, 6/12