

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, Board meeting on February 7, 2022 – held via Zoom. Prepared by: Joanne Blatte

**Present:** Joanne Blatte, Kate Mason, Carolyn Weeks, Matthew Landau, Lee Ann Amend (library director),

In order to slow/stop the spread of COVID-19, we are holding our board meetings on Zoom.

**Key Tasks assigned at this meeting:**

**All:**

Recruit new board members

Think about events for the coming year

Provide feedback on library website -

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iXwSBAs9itFVC7G3TaE2ql8tdhQZr1Yo/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=110462590261386923918&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Promote speaker on March 10<sup>th</sup>

Attend Library long range planning discussion on 3/15 at 7pm

**Alice:**

Adopt a Book, as needed

**Carolyn:**

Keep us updated on trustees' and new library issues

Post the flyer for LWV speaker around town

**Elizabeth:**

Send email about March 10<sup>th</sup> speaker

**Joanne:**

Help with Website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter

Organize LWV speaker for March 10<sup>th</sup>

Be at library on 2/12 10am-2pm for basket pick up

**Kate:**

Handle membership and sponsorship tracking, as needed

Provide Matt info for MFOL membership renewal

Be at library on 2/12 10am-2pm for basket pick up

Continue to investigate food trucks for book sale weekend

Post the flyer for LWV speaker around town

**Matthew:**

Handle memberships, donations, finances, as needed

Work with Eastern Bank to gain online access and obtain debit card  
Purchase and Set Up Quicken  
Renew MFOL membership  
Renew our ST-2 form

Giselle has officially resigned from the board. She will still help at the book sale and will help Matt as needed. Giselle received the gift card and adopted book from the board.

Carolyn motioned to approve January minutes  
Matt seconded  
Motion passed

#### Financial Report:

Giselle has handed over everything to Matt. Matt is working with Eastern to obtain online access and receive a debit card. Once he gets the debit card, Matt will purchase Quicken.

Matt deposited money from recent donations and book bins income. He provided funds to the library for programming and museum passes. He paid insurance bill. He is working with OBOT.

We need to renew our MFOL membership. Kate will provide Matt the info and Matt will renew.

Lee Ann mentioned that a patron came into the library and expressed interest in funding a museum pass. The patron said she would discuss with her husband.

Matt is looking into renewing our ST-2 tax exempt form.

#### Trustees Update:

On 2/1, the land court judge set hearing dates in November/December for 2 resident appeals. It is the same judge who heard the library case before

Cheryl put in a request to begin the process of historical commission taking down the old building at School St.

#### Library update:

Lee Ann received the funds from a federal grant for Veterans and library. Program includes working with Wounded Warriors and focusing on younger vets.

Library is working on long-range planning. The meeting date for the Friends is set for 3/15 at 7pm. Lee Ann will be sending a survey to all Sharon households. The hope is to have the plan finalized in October 2022.

All board members should be providing feedback on the current library website. We should check out the websites of Fall River Library and Durham, NH. Kate shared a google sheet with us to input our comments - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iXwSBAs9itFVC7G3TaE2ql8tdhQZr1Yo/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110462590261386923918&rtpof=true&sd=true>

The town hired a new facilities manager.

Upcoming events:

3/10 - LWV – Joanne has arranged for Dr. Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, A Tufts lecturer, to speak about gender in politics. The title of the talk will be: From the Streets to City Hall: The Effects of the 2017 Women’s March on Women’s Representation in Local Government.

Joanne and her daughter will create graphics – social media and flyer for posting. Kate and Carolyn will post flyer around town.

LWV has created a registration form and will handle the Zoom.

4/28 – Memoir Writing. Kate is confirming the date with Elizabeth James.

5/1 – Sustainable Sharon is thinking about hosting a Green Day event. They are looking for location. The Sharon Historical Society is hosting a market on that day. We will discuss having tables at these events.

10/13 or 10/20 – annual meeting with author Chuck Hogan. Chuck, a Sharon resident and author of Prince of Thieves and co-author of the Strain series, has a new book coming out in August – Gangland ([https://smile.amazon.com/Gangland-Chuck-Hogan/dp/1538751755/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crd=WV1D84CWXWNO&keywords=chuck+hogan&qid=1644345000&srefix=chuck+hogan%2Caps%2C77&sr=8-1\).](https://smile.amazon.com/Gangland-Chuck-Hogan/dp/1538751755/ref=sr_1_1?crd=WV1D84CWXWNO&keywords=chuck+hogan&qid=1644345000&srefix=chuck+hogan%2Caps%2C77&sr=8-1).)

We have reserved the community room for both dates. Chuck might have promotional obligations in October so we will confirm date in August/September.

Book Sale:

Book sale will be May 19 – 22.

Book collection May 2 – May 17

Tentative hours are:

Thur. 3-8

Fri. 1-6

Sat. 10-4

Sun. 10-4

The First Congregational Church is not hosting anything on 5/21. Andy Nebezhal was open to letting us have food trucks in his parking lot. Kate is looking into this.

Fundraisers:

Flour Moon Bakery has received 22 orders. JeJes Coffee has 6 orders. Kate and Joanne will be at library on Saturday 2/12 from 10am-2pm for order pick up.

Membership:

Kate updated on membership. We have 526 people in our database – anyone who became a member at some point in the past 4 years so it includes lapsed members. 80 are life members (5 of which continue to pay/donate each year). 243 have become/renewed their membership since 2019. 305 have May renewal dates – which re-iterates that book sale time is still the best time to promote membership.

We will consider doing more targeted emails and mailing (letter? to members lacking an email address) to make clear the individual's date of renewal. We don't think it is worth the cost to mail something to the entire town.

Our next meeting is 3/7 on Zoom at 7 pm.

Our meetings will be: 4/4, 5/2, 6/13

Carolyn motioned to adjourn

Matt seconded

Meeting adjourned