

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, Board meeting on January 10, 2022 – held via Zoom. Prepared by: Joanne Blatte

**Present:** Joanne Blatte, Alice Cusner, Amity Kelley, Kate Mason, Elizabeth Kassab, Carolyn Weeks, Matthew Landau, Lee Ann Amend (library director),  
Members: Elizabeth Gonzalez James, Deena and Len Segal

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  
Email Kate wording for personal message in Giselle's Thank you card

**Alice:**

Adopt a Book, as needed  
Adopt a book for Giselle  
Contact Jejes Coffee Roasters and Flour Moon Bakery

**Carolyn:**

Keep us updated on trustees' and new library issues  
Request banner placement from town

**Elizabeth:**

Sign paperwork at Eastern Bank

**Joanne:**

Help with Website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter  
Sign paperwork at Eastern Bank  
Organize Gender in Politics speaker

**Kate:**

Handle membership and sponsorship tracking, as needed  
Ask about First Congregational Church plans for book sale weekend  
Investigate food trucks for book sale weekend

**Matthew:**

Handle memberships, donations, finances, as needed  
Sign paperwork at Eastern Bank  
Purchase and set up Quicken

We all introduced ourselves.

Alice motioned to approve December minutes

Amity seconded

Motion passed

Kate has a Thank you card for Giselle. All board members should email Kate wording for a personal message to be included in the thank you card. Alice is adopting a book on Israel in Giselle's honor.

Financial Report:

Matthew revised the budget to move the \$2,061 into the book bin budget line.

The year just started so not a lot in the financial report yet. We did receive some donations to be included. Expenses doesn't show programming and museum passes which is being paid this week.

Matthew notified us that he needs to purchase an updated version of Quicken. It is already covered under FOL expenses in our budget, so no motion is needed.

Alice motioned to accept the financial report

Matthew seconded

Motion passed

Trustees update:

On 2/1, the land court judge will hear the 2 resident appeals. It is the same judge who heard the library case before. Public can attend. Carolyn will provide us the zoom so we can join.

Library update:

Library has a new Information Services Librarian.

Lee Ann was awarded a federal grant for Veterans and library. They are working on submitting the required paperwork which includes a copy of town audit. Program includes working with Wounded Warriors and focusing on younger vets.

Book Sale:

Book sale will be May 19 – 22.

Book collection May 2 – May 17

Lee Ann requested that the sale open at 10 on Saturday to coincide with library opening hours so staff is there. So tentative hours are:

Thur. 3-8

Fri 1-6

Sat. 10-4

Sun. 10-4

Carolyn will request banner placement

We briefly discussed book sale logistics. We hope to have some tables set up outside. It would be helpful to have a cashier outside – Lee Ann mentioned that WIFI has been updated since our book sale in November so it should be strong enough inside and outside the library.

Due to rise in covid cases, the library is not doing a lot of in-person events.

#### Book Sale Bins:

We were paid 5¢ per pound for books collected in the bins and leftover from the sale. We had over 7,000 lbs of books leftover from the sale. We earned \$988.20 last quarter.

We agreed that we don't need to close the book bins before the sale. If we see that we are not getting enough book donations, we can go to the warehouse and pick up some books to sell at the sale.

Lee Ann agreed to let us have a book bin at the back of the library building during sorting and the sale.

#### Activities/Events:

Kate shared a calendar of potential monthly events or themes.

We discussed doing something for Valentine's Day. Alice agreed to contact Flour Moon Bakery (Ellen Rose Kaplan had reached out to us at Sharon Day) and Jejes Roasters. Alice will suggest we help promote these vendors for Valentine's Day and in return we would receive a percentage of sale.

March is National Women's History Month. Joanne suggested that we co-host an event with the LWV of Sharon-Stoughton. They are planning a presentation by a Tuft's professor on Gender in Politics. We agreed to co-host. We suggested 3/8 or 3/10 as potential dates.

3/26 is One Book, One Town author talk.

Elizabeth Gonzalez James volunteered to host an event. Elizabeth is the author of *Mona at Sea*, a contemporary comedy. Elizabeth suggested one of the following:

- A reading and Q&A
- Conversation with another author
- Generations – Elizabeth could read an essay she wrote about her grandmother and then lead a discussion on memoir writing

We liked the idea of memoir writing and thought we could ask the COA to cohost and help promote. We would like to do on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

May is book sale. Could we also have food trucks and where would they park? Kate will ask Pat Simmons if the First Congregational Church is holding any events on the

weekend of the book sale. The Garden Club will hold their sale on Saturday morning on the lawn at the church (where the Xmas trees are sold). Kate will ask Andy Nebezhal if we could have food trucks in his office parking lot next to the library. We suggested the Chubby Chickpea (Avi Shemtov's truck) or Sweet 16 Ice Cream (Elizabeth's neighbor Lauren Prenaveau's truck)

July – suggested summer reading list discussion/talk

October – Peter Kahle and/or annual meeting

We should all think about events for next year.

At our next meeting, we will talk about:

- membership drive
  - ongoing vs town-wide in April, print vs email
  - improving renewal notifications
- business sponsors

Our next meeting is 2/7 on Zoom at 7 pm.

Our meetings will be: 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/13

Carolyn motioned to adjourn

Alice seconded

Meeting adjourned