Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, on January 6, 2025 Prepared by: Catherine Ranahan

Present:

Joanne Blatte, Charlotte Hogan, Carolyn Weeks, Elizabeth Kassab, Amity Kelley, Matthew Landau, Catherine Ranahan, Kashmica Sarkar, Usha Ush, Lee Ann Amend (library director)

Key Tasks assigned and discussed at this meeting:

All:

Welcome Usha to the Friends of the Sharon Public Library! We all had a great time introducing ourselves and getting to hear about you at last nights meeting.

- -February 6, 6:00-7:30 PM; via Zoom Valentines Day Greeting Card by Kashmica w/maximum of 10 people with \$20 per person w/supplies, fundraiser event purchasing missing supplies: estimated to be around \$100 or less
- -"goodbye party" sometime in April; @sharon library, index cards or post boards that people can write messages on, possibly putting the smaller notes in a photo album for easier storage, Joanne has suggested asking Sharon TV to record the event for people who would like to share their special memory
- -May 1; author interview with Ruth Barnert event, interviewed by Sharon TV, intergeneration interviews with local HS students with local seniors, and an art event by Kashmica

Lee Ann and all:

Lee Ann brought the idea of a possible "goodbye party" for the closing of the old library, locals, library staff and us (The Friends) would be welcome to come one last time to celebrate what the library has offered to us and the community. This open house could have people signing their names or a message (if it was possible) inside the library to leave a final goodbye to what they remembered as the initial library in Sharon. Refreshments were also suggested from Elizabeth which would bring more people to gather at this event. Charlotte and Kate were suggesting a poster board or note cards for people to write their special message. Lee Ann has also added that we could take these messages that people wrote, and add it to the new library's history room collection in the Carnegie library.

Kashmica:

Joanne would like you to send her the design for the card and or use hearts, cupids etc. for the flyer for the Zoom Valentines Day greeting card event

Elizabeth Kassab:

Offered the idea of a scavenger hunt w/light refreshments for the opening of the new library

Lee Ann:

Offered the idea of a musical performance at the opening of the new library; a piano may be in place and would offer a great event for people to see