

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, on September 8, 2025  
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Present:

Larisa Pikovsky, Carolyn Weeks, Elizabeth James, Charlotte Hogan, Elizabeth Kassab, Amity Kelley, Matthew Landau, Catherine Ranahan, Joanne Blatte, Maggy Siegel, Tracy Korneffel, Lee Ann Amend (library director)

Thank you to our new prospective board members, Tracy Korneffel and Maggy Siegel, for joining us at tonight's meeting. We had a great time during our introductions and learning more about one another.

Financial report:

Matthew has stated that our income has been mainly coming from AbeBooks

Annual report:

Lee Ann discussed how there was a possible idea of a gala being held this October, but we have agreed that there is not enough time to plan a large event in a short amount of time this year. The idea of next October or sometime in the Fall, would give the library more time to focus on planning an event such as that. Elizabeth James did suggest the idea of proposing a local author event which would have several authors where people could get book signings, questions answered, and or purchase books. Charlotte then gave a similar example of her experience of attending the Boston Reads event, where you were able to meet local authors with book signings accompanied with beer, wine, and cheese with each ticket purchased. As a group, we did favor this idea of a local author event with light refreshments and drinks.

Other information:

Selling merchandise was also discussed, with confirmation that Carol Abrams the local artist for the library's mural, has agreed to be able to use the mural to sell prints and tote bags online. A QR code would be displayed at the library that would include a visual of what would be featured on selling online. Elizabeth James had mentioned she has a friend who could also make an original logo to be used to sell various merchandise as well on the website.

We talked about creating subcommittees for Sharon Reads Together, special events, memberships, book sale, and any other project to help promote the fundraising and volunteers who may want a particular group to work on.

Important dates and information:

October 20 annual meeting will be held in the community room at 6:30, with the Chuck author event. We are hoping that these 2 upcoming book sales from this November and next Spring will help improve our finances and fundraising. We are planning on doing a mailer (postcard) and email for our November book sale, with Elizabeth James's help on creating the postcard.

October 6

In person meeting at the library with virtual option if you cannot attend

November 3

In person meeting at the library with virtual option if you cannot attend

December 1

In person meeting at the library with virtual option if you cannot attend

January 5  
Virtual meeting

February 2  
Virtual meeting

March 2  
TBT virtual or in person meeting

April 6  
TBT virtual or in person meeting

May 4  
TBT virtual or in person meeting