

Friends of Kennebunk Free Library
Meeting (Zoom) Minutes (Draft)
April 11, 2022

Attending: *Deb Redding-Sampson, Vice-President; Risa Oganessoff Heersche, Liaison to the Trustees; Peg Nelson, Liaison to the Trustees; other members: Vivian Bachorick, Susan Dalton, Laura Dauphinais(recorder), Linda DeFelice, Trustee, Donna Gomez, Dianne Napolitano, Jean Whitney; Rosemary Lavoie, Trustee; Dan Riggall, Trustee; Michelle Conners, Library Director; Allison Atkins, Assistant Director; Anita Randall, Development Director.*

Deb welcomed all to meeting and introduced the new members.

Minutes from January 10, 2022: were reviewed and a motion was made and seconded to accept with minor corrections (Donna /Risa). Accepted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership Update: 41 current members; The number is down a bit from the 2021 total but May is typically a bigger month for joining so overall, we are in a good place with membership.

Week of the Young Child: is a National Association for Education of Young Children event; For this event, the KFL Friends funded a family experience on April 9th featuring a Kind Kids Concert, where there were 70 attendees dancing and singing. KFL also had 85 participants taking part in crafting activities, including the creation of a banner for the upcoming May Day parade. For the month of May, Hank's Room is displaying art from the Kennebunk Preschool. **ACTION: At the next Friends meeting, we should revisit funding for next year's event.**

c. By-Laws Review: Peg and Deb led the updates and review of proposed changes to the bylaws. Discussion was had regarding the removal of the requirement for minutes at committee meetings. A motion was made and seconded to accept with that change (Peg /Laura). Accepted unanimously.

d. Valentine's Pop Up Sale Review: Donna led a very successful Pop Up sale. It ran for 8 days and included adult and children's books. The theme was "romance" and the sale included books, DVDs and music. Thanks to all who helped with set-up, maintenance of the sale and clean-up. This book sale made \$186+. We will consider another Pop Up sale in early July with the possible theme of "history".

e. Book Sorting Committee: The committee met on January 26th. They reviewed book sorting guidelines generated by Peg. A Google schedule has been created and is available to track when book sorters will be there. It is available to the library staff and most sorters. Wednesdays and Fridays are the primary sorting days. Other projects have been completed, including scanning and sorting of the Young Adult and Children's Books as well as CDs and DVDs. Bags have also been organized. We are ready for the May Day book sale. There are bins available for the taking in the book room. If no one claims them earlier, they will be given away on May Day.

NEW BUSINESS

May Day: Parade planning on going. Paper flowers are being created. 3 book carts will be decorated with flowers and banners. Those walking in the parade will wear hats and KFL tee-shirts. They will be handing out bookmarks to parade goers. A note is being sent to the Trustees regarding volunteers. Current Friend volunteers to walk in the parade include Deb, Dan, Linda, Michelle and Anita. Book sale volunteers include Laura (Fri/Sat), Vivian (Fri), Jean (Fri/Later Sat), Donna (Fri/Sat), Diane (Fri/Sat), Risa (week before) and Al S. (cleanup).

Library Update: Thanks to all you participated in donating March Madness baskets. The library will be closed on 4/18 – Patriots Day. Driveway/Sidewalk repairs are planned but they should not impact the book sale in May. Anita has been helping with the Annual Appeal. The library passes are up for renewal. There was not a large demand over the last year, presumably due to Covid. It was agreed that we will keep the current passes for another year in hopes that there will be a more “normal” demand for the passes. **Action: Consider the Ogunquit Museum of Art pass for next year.** The topic of getting more fans will be discussed at the next PR&E meeting.

BOOK SALES AND OTHER EVENTS

The 2022 book sales and other events are tentative; decisions to hold events will be made as we approach those dates.

May Day Book Sale will be May 7, 2022

Pop Up Sale date early July – TBD

KFL Road Race will be July 8, 2022

Blueberry Festival (July) and **HarvestFest** (Oct) Book Sales dates TBD

KFL Ice Cream Night at Seashore Trolley Museum will be August 10, 2022

2022 Friends Meetings: *Next meetings are from 5:30-6:30 PM in Hank’s Room or via Zoom (TBD)*
September 12 and November 14, 2022

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Dauphinais