

Friends of KFL  
April 24, 2017

**Attendance:** Michelle Conners, Donna Gomez, Lora Kline, Jill LeMay, Peg Nelson, Karen Plattes, Deb Redding-Sampson

**Minutes** from March 13, 2017 were accepted as distributed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2017 Membership Drive:**

Lora will attend the Trustees meeting in Donna's place and will encourage all members of the need to be Friends as well as trustees, and at Jill's suggestion, remind them that this is an annual membership. Group refreshed the concept that membership is now based on the calendar year.

**Friends & Volunteer Appreciation Event:**

Event was attended by 35 and well received, although next year might we might schedule it closer to the end of April to include those volunteers who go south for the winter. The other recommendation would be to hold from 4:30-6:00 pm, long enough and no problem with starting before closing time. Total cost for event including floral arrangement and food was \$167.87. Nancy Downing won the raffle and took home the spring floral centerpiece.

**Book Room Volunteers:**

Donna said she trained one new volunteer and was amenable to the idea raised by a working member of holding an evening volunteer book sorting party after the May Day event and before the July sale. She did note a uptake in the quality of children's books being donated and has offered some to the children's department for consideration. Several extra copies of Stephen King books led to a decision to put surplus hardbacks (\$2.00) outdoors along with paperback (\$0.50) and mixed media items. A question of how the ongoing book sales in main vestibule and closed entry were going was answered by Jill who reported an average weekly income of \$25-\$80.

**Friend's Goals for 2017:** Jill indicated that during the party and in the week following, 4 new members joined. Sales staff at Book Sales will continue to encourage membership.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Review of by-laws:**

Jill provided a tuned up version of the By-Laws which the group reviewed. Discussion focused on quorum and raised the question of whether library staff could count toward that total. Because both Jill and Michelle are dues paying members, they each have a vote as does every other member. And the Amendments only require a majority vote of members present at any meeting, so consensus was to scratch the paragraph on quorum. The group agreed that rather than further delay the passage of these bylaws, they would approve them and post them to the website with a link going to all members with the next Friend's e-mail notice.

**Maine State Friends membership:**

Money has been sent to cover Donna's membership.

**May Day Book Sale Sign-up:**

Jill provided the usual sign up sheet.

**Permanent sign or banner for Friends:**

A lively discussion around options ensued. Deb offered to research the retractable sign which Lora, and the rest agreed, would be good if it could be multipurpose rather than single message. Jill said the table runner or table cover was an effective means of promoting the group and would research the options. All agreed that both inside and outside sales tables would be good places to brand the effort as well as any other time the Friends hold a membership drive, or book sale or similar event.

**OTHER BUSINESS:****Museum Passes:**

Expiration dates vary, but passes are popular and a request that the Friend's contribution to them be highlighted was endorsed. Jill offered three more options: Seacoast Science Center in Rye, the Sabbath Lake Shaker Village, and the Aquarium near Boothbay Harbor. She will inquire about costs of these and communicate by email for members to decide.

Adjourned at 6:35 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 11, 2017 at 5:30 pm in Hank's Room.