

**Friends of Kennebunk Free Library  
Annual Meeting (Zoom)  
November 14, 2022**

**Attending:** *Deb Redding-Sampson, VP; Peg Nelson, Book Sorting Coordinator, and liaison to Trustees; Risa Oganessoff Heersche, liaison to Trustees; Donna Gomez; D.D. Harrington; Dan Riggall; Janine Coy; Dianne Napolitano; Rosemary Lavoie, Trustee; Linda DeFelice, Trustee; Laura Dauphinais, Trustee; Michelle Conners, Library Director; Allison Atkins, Assistant Director; Anita Randall, Development Director*

**Minutes of September 12, 2022,** were unanimously accepted (Donna, D.D.) with corrected spelling of Dianne Napolitano's name.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Elections:** Our 2023 nominees are Deb Redding-Sampson, president; Donna Gomez, vice-president; Janine Coy, recorder. Risa Oganessoff Heersche and Peg Nelson will remain as trustee liaisons and Peg Nelson will continue in her role as book sorting coordinator. Vote was unanimous (Risa, Peg).

*Discussion:* Could we post the list of active Friends on our webpage so that conversation and recruiting around issues of leadership and volunteering can expand among our members and beyond?

**Action:** **Janine** and **Michelle** will look at some other libraries and how they share/highlight Friends membership information on website. **Anita and Michelle** will follow up with information for our group on being a good steward, a presentation Anita has shared with the trustees.

**HarvestFest and November Pop-Up Book Sales:** \$897.50 was raised at HarvestFest; \$200 with the cookbook pop-up sale.

**Book Sorting Committee:** Peg reported that the process for sorting books is running very well. KFL/Friends website has info on what is accepted. A great boost has been GiddyWorm, the system for scanning books that are then sold for us on-line. This brings in close to \$200/quarter; last year's revenue was \$796.

**2023 Membership Drive:** Underway, with new brochure and letter. Any who renew in Oct-Dec will be set for 2023. Six memberships have come in since October (via book sales?) with a total 2022 membership of 57. Questions were raised about potential for autorenewal and a two-year membership option. **Deb** will talk more with Michelle about this as option going forward.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Library Updates:** Michelle reported that the Holiday Giving mailing (2300 pieces, less than annual appeal) is underway. This is the last Fall campaign, tying in with Giving Tuesday through end of December. Cole Harrison Insurance Co. is providing \$2500 if \$10,000 is raised.

Wine tasting (Zoom) is set for November 15, with 27 signed up. Wreaths will be distributed this Saturday (10-1). Anita has already secured some July Road Race sponsorships. GO team!

**2023 Meeting dates:** Friends will meet again on Zoom January 9 at 5:30 pm; the dates of April 10, September 11, and November 6 are TBD as to Zoom or in-person.

**Holiday Ornaments and Tree Decorating:** The tradition of displaying storybook ornaments continues; Risa and Deb did the foyer display this past week. **Janine and Donna** will coordinate the early December tree decorating with KFL. Risa is available if needed.

**Volunteer Recognition:** Thank you cards will again be sent out to all volunteers this holiday season, in coordination with **Brittany and Michelle** (staff) and assistance from **Donna, Laura (and Deb if needed)**.

**2023 Book sales:** May Day (5/6/23); Blueberry Festival (mid-late July); HarvestFest (October, TBD). **Donna** announced a pop-up book sale for December is in the works.

Respectfully,

Deb RS