

FINAL DRAFT
KFL Friends Meeting Minutes 1/6/25

Attending- Michelle Conners, Library Director; Allison Atkins, Assistant Library Director; Anita Randall, Development Director KFL; Kat Boucher, President; Risa Oganessoff Heersche, Vice President; Sarah Lucchesi, Liaison to Trustees; Kathy & Bob Porter, Liaisons to Trustees; Liz Hamel, Recorder; Andrea Carey; Heidi Becker; Laura Dauphinais, Trustee; Donna Gomez; Didi Harrington; Vicki Lyons, Trustee; Peg Nelson; Julie Ottomano; Gene Parr; Deb Redding- Sampson; Kate Wormwood.

Call to Order- 5:30pm

Welcome & Introductions- Kat introduced herself as the new president of the KFL Friends Board & asked all members present to introduce themselves & state their role or area of interest.

Approval of Meeting Minutes 11/4/24- Motion to approve- Risa; second- Gene; motion approved unanimously.

Old Business-

- a. **2025 Membership Drive- Michelle has received 36 member donations thus far for 2025. A member who joins in Nov/Dec will not need to renew again in the following year.**
- b. **Holiday Pop-Up Sale- \$118 in sales- from pop-up as well as lobby sales for the week. Discussion re: holiday tree decorating- Deb suggested clustering storybook ornaments together on the tree; she & her team inventoried the ornaments; suggestion was made to keep the tree up longer & decorate with Valentines; question of whether additional signage is needed to direct patrons to the tree as it isn't in the path of families utilizing the children's room; Donna noted that some ornaments needed new hangers or repair last year. Deb found the ornaments to be in good condition this year. Kat noted that there is a sign near the tree identifying the donor, whose daughter visited this year & was pleased. Kat noted that the display cases are sometimes utilized in November to display ornaments but this year it was a short & busy season & perhaps the cases were already booked.**
- c. **Book Sorting Cmte Update- Peg reported $\frac{2}{3}$ of donations are in good, saleable condition, $\frac{1}{3}$ are not. Some books are going to Kevin & Better World Books.**

New Business-

- a. **March Madness Sale- proposed by Peg for the members sale to be conducted primarily during library open hours due to poor evening attendance at the last Friends only sale. A request was made to offer some evening hours for those who are working. Suggested times were 4-7pm. Sale will be conducted from the book sorting room. Allison will check the library calendar & communicate with Peg for a date midMarch. Michelle will publicize via the newsletter & the Friends mailing list.**
- b. **Newsletter Details- Kat will send a brief statement to the newsletter monthly. Deb provided suggestions for content.**
- c. **Library Updates-**
 1. **Michelle reported the window restoration has been completed; some exterior paint work will be conducted in the spring.**
 2. **The library will host a cat when the Rescue has one available.**
 3. **The KFL will be entering the budget season soon & Michelle will be preparing the proposed budget for the year.**

4. Allison reported a new website will be launched, likely in February 2025.
5. Programs are well attended & busy.
6. Creative Soul will host a fundraiser for the KFL on 1/16. The event will be decoupage oyster shells.
7. Anita thanked the Friends who participated in the Fire & Ice Holiday event & reported the library has received a \$5000 grant from the Nonantum.
8. Anita reported there was wonderful support for the Holiday giving campaign in 2024 with \$63,000 contributed (\$41,000 in 2023).
9. The Burleigh Worthy Wednesdays fundraiser (10% of the evening's sales) was well attended. Monies have not been received by the library as yet. Anita will send a second reminder email to the venue in the next few weeks.
10. The Summer 5K event planning will commence with a meeting 1/7/25. The event will be held Friday 7/11/25.

Book Sales & Other Events-

- a. May Day Sale- 5/3/25
- b. Blueberry Sale – 7/26/25
- c. HarvestFest- date TBD

Adjournment- motion to adjourn- Donna; second- Laura.
Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Hamel
Recorder