

MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE SAWYER FREE LIBRARY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

Friend room, 2 Dale Avenue

Present: Leslie Pearlman, Dennis Corkery, Kecia German, Sandra Reinecke, Jeff Shindell, Gail Sarofeen, Rosemary Howarth

Absent: Rebecca Aliberte, Carol Kelly, Colleen Hogan-Lopez, Emily O'Malley, Simon Paddock (SFL liaison)

Guest: Beth Pocock

Minutes: (Shelagh McCauley)

The Draft minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting were accepted unanimously after one correction:- in the Treasurer's report, second paragraph should read:- The various CD accounts in the city were itemized and a motion was passed to open 4 separate CD accounts of \$5,000 each in the local bank with the best rate. A formal vote to accept the Minutes will be taken at the March meeting.

Treasurer's report: (Rosemary Howarth)

The bank balance at the end of January was \$60,681.93. The four \$5,000 CD's could not be purchased without the signature of the President and Assistant Treasurer. Bank Gloucester (where the Friends account is located) currently offers a rate of 2.83% for 18 months, or 2,75% if the interest is withdrawn during the 18 months, these rates being for a personal account. Kecia will contact Bank Gloucester to determine their CD options for the Friends as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) group. She will also inquire as to how the CD rates are trending. The purchase is deferred, pending return of the President and Assistant Treasurer.

Assistant Director's report: (Beth Pocock)

Funds of \$50 were requested in order to provide 200 passes for Massachusetts State Parks. This was proposed and the proposal was accepted but will be voted on formally at the March meeting.

Art Week will take place at the end of May. To this end Katherine Morrison will conduct a workshop on creating "explosion books". Coco Berkman will conduct a workshop on making collagraphs. A motion was proposed and the proposal accepted to provide funds of up to \$200 for these two workshops. This proposal will be voted on formally at the March meeting.

Beth will continue to research the details and any restrictions on the \$29,000 fund.

SFL Liaison Report: No report

Saunders house Liaison: No report

Book Committee: (Kecia German)

The Sales Spot revenue for the first 2 weeks of February was \$118.13. Deborah Kelsey offered to put up additional shelving in the Sales Spot. This will happen on March 6 at 10 am and volunteers from the Friends Board are welcome to assist. March volunteers are Jeff Shindell and Shelagh McCauley; April is Sandy Reinecke and Colleen Hogan-Lopez.

Plans to hold the annual Book Sale in the Saunders House were well received as it would mean much less physical labor in moving books. This requires final approval from the Saunders House Committee which meets on February 25. There is some concern about the use of the Davidson Room with respect to the weight limits of the floor. Wellspring has been gracious in lending some of their space for the Sale.

Membership: (Kecia German)

Lauren Johnson and Jane Mead have resigned from the Friends Board in order to pursue other charitable pursuits.

Art Advisory: No report

Product: No report

By-Laws: (Kecia German)

Jane Mead and several other Board members have made several suggestions to amend the By-Laws. A copy of the proposed new By-Laws is attached. A vote on the proposed By-Law changes will be taken at the March meeting.

New Business:

Creation of a Publicity Committee, discussion deferred until a future meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at 4.45pm.

Next meeting, Wednesday, March 20 at 4pm in the Friend Room

Submitted by Shelagh McCauley, Secretary