

Minutes of the Friends of the Sawyer Free Library, December 18, 2019

Present: Colleen Hogan-Lopez, Kecia German, Rebecca Aliberte, Leslie Pearlman, Jane Gagliardi, Lisa Christensen-Foley, Gail Sarofeen, Shelagh McCauley

Absent: Jeff Shindell, Sandy Reinecke, Dennis Corkery, Rosemary Howarth

Minutes: (Shelagh McCauley)

The minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting were corrected to show that the \$300 to be spent on the Middle Street Walk was for refreshments at the Children's refreshment table only. The Minutes were then accepted unanimously.

Treasurer: (Kecia German)

The Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously. See attached report. Gail Sarofeen asked that in future the year-to-date income and expenditure be reported on monthly as part of the Treasurer's report.

Assistant Director: (Beth Pocock)

No report.

Book Committee: (Kecia German)

The year-to-date income is \$2136. The income for the first 2 weeks of December was \$146. See attached report.

New signage for the Book Shop is being created following painting of the entrance walls.

The schedule for book sorting is as follows:-

January-Jane Gagliardi, Lisa Christensen-Foley

February-Gail Sarofeen, Leslie Pearlman

March-Colleen Hogan-Lopez, Shelagh McCauley

April- Rebecca Aliberte, Kecia German

Colleen Hogan-Lopez rearranged the Photography section and moved appropriate books to the Art Section, leaving the Photography section as a How-to section.

Plans are underway to move the Non-Fiction sections around so that they are alphabetized. This will simplify stocking of the shelves. Many of these sections are being purged to eliminate most books > 10 years old, (5 years for Travel) unless they appear to be saleable.

More Than Words will take all books, dirty or otherwise with the exception of textbooks.

Jane Gagliardi will investigate local preschools to see if they are interested in our overflow of Children's books.

Membership: (Kecia German)

Total at the end of our Membership drive is 163 members, 5 more than last year. 72 benefactors were recorded. Income from the drive was \$7765, last year it was \$7540.

Trustee Liaison: (Gail Sarofeen)

The provision of family bathrooms on the first or possibly the second floor of the library is being studied.

Art Auction: (Gail Sarofeen)

See attached report.

One painting disappeared and the artist was reimbursed the value cost.

Product: (Leslie Pearlman)

More winter cards were created. There is a problem with the provision of printing information on the back of the cards as the original printing company is no longer in business. Leslie will investigate further.

Inventory will take place. A work session to create new cards will be scheduled for January. Leslie will investigate the cost per card to see if prices need to be increased.

Public Relations: (Colleen Hogan-Lopez)

No report

Old business:

The Middle Street Walk was a great success for the library.

The Friends made \$32 from the sale of books and \$68 from the sale of product. Sales of 2 T-shirts failed because of the lack of the PayPal mechanism. Possibly a new device should be obtained. It was felt that in future the sale of books was not worth the effort involved.

New Business:

The city of Danvers is looking for a new location for Curious City, the city's Children's Museum. Once a permanent location has been found, the Friends may purchase an annual pass.

Rebecca Aliberte will be going out of state on January 28 and will be unavailable for the February meeting, as will Kecia German. A decision on whether to cancel the February meeting will be made in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 4.15pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 15 at 3pm

Respectfully submitted, Shelagh McCauley