



June 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** Kevin Lane, Jim Sibona, Lena Rozzi, Tammy Hooker, John Hanna, Tim Sheehan, Meghan Hanna

**Guests:** Grace Larochelle, Dara Bradds

Meeting was called to order by Kevin Lane at 6:35 p.m.

**Minutes:** The vote to approve prior (May 2017) minutes was suspended.

**Librarian's Report** (Dara Bradds & Grace Larochelle):

- “Build a Better World” Summer Reading Initiative: Participants (adults and children) aim to read a collective 10,000 hours during the eight-week program. If the goal is reached, local businesses will donate funds (\$650 has already been pledged) to purchase a bumblebee “Rock-and-Ride” for Donati Park, to be installed in the Fall.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Touch-a-Truck and Food Drive: June 17, 2017
  - Currently, 13 trucks and the giant tire are scheduled to appear.
  - Kevin purchased yellow traffic vests for volunteers to wear to better direct/manage traffic. Total cost (with Touch-a-Truck logo printing) = \$98.92. Kevin makes a motion to be reimbursed for the cost of the vests. Lena seconds. Motion passes.
  - Donations: Tammy reports that she sent out over 20 letters seeking donations for the upcoming Friends’ concession stand. She received donations from Hooksett Hannaford (\$50 gift card), Hooksett Shaws (\$25 gift card), and Utz Potato Chips (three big boxes).
- Summer Concert: July 27, 2017
- End-of-Summer Reading Party: August 12, 2017
  - Depending on the success of the Touch-a-Truck concession stand, perhaps the Friends could sell concessions at this event as well?

**New Business:**

- Membership drive: John suggests getting Friends of the Hooksett Library T-shirts so we can be “Walking Billboards” at every event. Perhaps they would say something like, “I’m a Friend of the Hooksett Library. Ask me how you can be too.”
- The brochure for prospective members notes that Benefactor level-members would have a “book plate” placed in a book to acknowledge their contribution. However, this does not seem to be taking place?
- Book Sale: November 11<sup>th</sup> or November 18<sup>th</sup>?

### **Financial Report (Lena Rozzi):**

- Current assets (checking/savings) as of May 31, 2017: \$11,465.63.
- The ongoing book sale earned \$291.20 this month, thanks in part to a large donation of bakery supplies and cake tins. The Friends received a donation of \$49.10 through the Amazon Smile program. The “photo booth” earned \$66.00, and the Red Sox ticket raffle brought in an additional \$330, for a gross profit of \$736.30 for the month.
- Expenses for the month totaled \$632.92, including \$279.99 for the First Lego League Jr program, \$302.93 for youth programs, and \$50 in operating expenses.
- Net income after expenses: \$103.38.

### **New Initiatives:**

- First Lego League: The summer session will be held on Thursday nights, July 6 – August 17, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.; open to 10+ kids, grades 4 – 8. Last year, two members of the FLL team had their own Lego Mindstorms robot, which the team used in addition to the library kit. Should we purchase another Mindstorms kit/field an additional team? Jim reports that the cost of an additional team and robot would be \$910. Additionally, new Chromebooks will have to be purchased for each team in the FLL Jr. program. It was noted that the Friends commit a great deal of funding to this program but do not seem to be getting anything in return (ie., additional members.)
  - Dara motions to table the discussion about First Lego League/Lego League Jr. until a future meeting. Jim seconds. Motion passes.
- Bear Paw Series wrap-up: Very well attended and all positive feedback
- Mother’s Day Tea: Also very successful with over 100 people in attendance

### **Fundraising:**

- 3D Modeling
- Red Sox Ticket Raffle: The Friends raised approximately \$782 on the raffle.
- Indoor Mini Golf Tournament: Tim presented an overview of the event at Howe Library in Hanover. They have an adult event on Saturday night, followed by a beer/wine reception. They charge \$65/person and this year had 130 attendees, raising a total of \$8,450. They have a family event the following day and charge \$5/person. An additional 412 people attended the family event, raising \$2,060. Tim reports that the Howe Library makes most of its money (\$30,000) via event and hole sponsorship. While it’s a big undertaking and would require a lot of work, the Howe Library earns around \$40,000 for this event. Could we do this in Hooksett? If we did, perhaps we could even have golf balls printed (via Vistaprint) with the Friends of the Hooksett Library logo to sell at the event.

### **New Business:**

- Kevin suggests purchasing a gift card for Bob and Barbara Thinnes as a thank you for running the book sale for many years. Kevin makes a motion to spend \$150 for a LaBelle Winery gift card. Tammy seconds. Motion passes.
- July 2017 Meeting: Those in attendance agree to hold a meeting in July. The meeting will be held at the library on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Election of Officers: Tammy motions to approve John Hanna for President; Jim Sibona for Vice President; Lena Rozzi for Treasurer; and Meghan Hanna for Secretary. Kevin seconds. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.