



July 11, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: John Hanna, Kevin Lane, Tim Sheehan, Lena Rozzi, Meghan Hanna, Barbara Davis and Deb Melville

Guests: Heather Rainier

Meeting was called to order by John Hanna at 6:38 p.m.

Minutes:

- Kevin Lane moved to accept the minutes from the May 2017 meeting. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Motion passes.
- Kevin Lane moved to accept the minutes from the June 2017 meeting. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report (Lena Rozzi):

- Overall, the Friends had a solid year, with \$11,492.60 currently in the bank account. There is a \$300 expense that has yet to clear, and a \$50 charge on the Friends' credit card, probably made in late April/early May, of unknown origins. Heather is going to look into it.
- Lena has begun working in Quickbooks, which leads to greater transparency. She is now better able to isolate recurring expenses from one-time expenses.

The budget:

Heather reports that the annual budget usually rolls forward based on past revenue and expenses. She and John Hanna will meet to develop a budget for the 2017-2018 year and present it to the Friends at a future meeting.

Signers on checks/bank account:

Currently, Kevin Lane, Jim Sibona, and Bob Thinnes can sign checks on behalf of the Friends. Those in attendance agree that John Hanna and Jim Sibona should be the official signers going forward, and if there's a need for a back-up, a third person could be added at a later date.

First Lego League/First Lego League Jr.:

The Friends discussed and voted on two separate funding requests:

- 1) A technology request **from the library** in the amount of \$1,680 for the purchase of six Acer Chromebooks (at a cost of \$280 each) to use with the FLL Jr. program but also for a Minecraft/coding club and other activities.
- 2) A request **from the library's First Lego League (FLL) team** in the amount of \$525 for the purchase of an additional robot (EV3) for the FLL program.

- Background on the Chromebook request: The national FLL Jr. now requires each FLL Jr. team to use the WeDo 2.0 program, so each team now needs access to a tablet or laptop. Heather Rainier reports that the library has already purchased one Acer Chromebook to “test it out.”

Tim Sheehan moved to approve the library’s request of \$1,680 for the purchase of six Acer Chromebooks, under the condition that they will also support Minecraft. Meghan Hanna seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. The motion passes.

(There is also discussion about placing a Friends of the Hooksett Library sticker and/or personalized “skins” or wraps for the Chromebooks to increase public awareness of the Friends’ gift.)

- Background on the EV3 robot request: There are ten kids currently in the FLL program, and the library owns one robot (purchased in 2014), for a ratio of 10 kids/1 robot. An additional robot would result in a more manageable 5/1 ratio. Additionally, there are 50-60 kids currently in the FLL Jr. program, many of whom may want to move up to the FLL level. At some point, the Friends will have to discuss the expense of fielding additional teams.

Tim Sheehan moved to approve the second request for \$525 to purchase a second robot (EV3) for the First Lego League team. Kevin Lane seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. The motion passes.

The Friends also discussed increasing participant fees.

Barbara Davis moved to increase the participant fees for the FLL program from \$20 to \$30 and for the FLL Jr. program from \$15 to \$25. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. The motion passes.

The group decided to table the discussion on funding a second FLL team for a future meeting. Perhaps Jim Sibona could produce a write-up on the feasibility of adding a second team?

Librarian’s Report (Heather Rainier):

- The library has approximately \$1,200 pledged from area businesses to purchase the Rock-N-Ride for Donati Park, assuming library patrons meet their 10,000-hour reading goal. We are currently at about 20%.
- The library has hired a new Youth Services Librarian, who will work two nights/week, every other Saturday, and school vacations.
- Adult Summer Reading program:
 - July 27th: Folk duo Hungrytown will be performing, and the library is requesting \$300 from the Friends to cover fees and expenses for the concert. (The Friends’ budget for this event is \$500; last year, the library only used \$200.) **Barbara Davis moved to approve the library’s request for \$300 for the Hungrytown concert. Tim Sheehan seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passes.**
 - The library also requested up to \$250 to purchase prizes for the adult summer reading program. **Barbara Davis moved to approve the library’s request for up to \$250 for prizes for the adult summer reading program. Deb Melville seconded, and all voted in favor. Motion passes.**

Recap of the Touch-a-Truck/Summer Reading Kick-off Event:

- The Friends raised \$312.75.00 on concessions at the event. The price points (\$2.00/hot dog, \$1.00/bottled water, \$1.00/popcorn and \$.50/chips) were acceptable to all. The Friends donation jar raised an additional \$31.50, and the photo donations brought in \$35.75.
- Special thanks go out to Justine Austin and Jim Rozzi for their help with the concession stand.
- Special thanks to the Boy Scouts as well, whose presence seemed to alleviate the traffic flow problems from previous years.

New Business:

To bolster support & attendance at Friends events, two subcommittees were established: 1) The Visibility/Marketing Committee, which John Hanna will chair, and 2) The Membership/Database Committee, which Kevin Lane will chair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.