



September 5, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: John Hanna, Kevin Lane, Tammy Hooker, Barbara Davis, Deb Melville, Meghan Hanna, Lena Rozzi and Jim Sibona

Guests: N/A

Meeting was called to order by John Hanna at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes:

- Deb Melville moved to accept the minutes from the July 2017 meeting. Kevin Lane seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Lena Rozzi):

- The Friends had a net income of -\$1,568.77 for June 2017; money was spent on the Adult and Youth Summer Reading Programs (approximately \$900) and FIRST Lego League (approximately \$800) for the purchase of a new robotics kit.
- The Friends earned \$229.96 during the month on the ongoing book sale, cake pan sale, and an Amazon Smile donation.
- The ending balance as of June 30, 2017, was \$9,722.23.

Librarian's Report (Delivered by John Hanna):

- Heather reports that the library is trying to determine whether Minecraft works on Chromebooks with or without a touch screen, so they have not purchased the additional Chromebooks yet.

First Lego League/First Lego League Jr.:

- There has been no negative feedback regarding the increase in participation fees; participants still believe it's a good deal, even with the rate increase.
- FLL Summer Program (older kids): About 12 children participated in at least one meeting, with most attending regularly throughout the program. Most of the participants have since signed up for the upcoming FLL season. As of August 27th, there were 12 kids signed up for ten spots; one has decided to join Cawley's team and the other is on a wait list.
- FLL Jr. (younger kids): As of August 29th, 15 children have signed up and two parents are coaching. The first meeting will be held on September 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Events:

- Coming in October, the Friends'-sponsored **Halloween Costume & Accessories Swap**: people donate costumes and/or accessories and trade them for new ones or for a suggested \$5 donation. It will begin the first weekend of October (kicking off on September 30th) and run throughout

October. The Friends anticipate raising \$100 through the Costume Swap (though last year, \$268 was raised.)

- Coming in November, the **Annual Book Sale** (November 11th):
 - Set-up will take place on Monday (Nov. 6th) by the Boy Scouts, but we will need additional adult volunteers to organize the set-up in two shifts:
 1. 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 2. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - Doors will open early on Thursday, around 2:30 p.m. so teachers can shop for free; Send invitations to the teachers through the Hooksett PTA.
 - We will also need volunteers for the TD Bank Affinity Program. Last year, we signed up 20+ people.
 - We will also need volunteers to sell books and volunteers for the Bake Sale.
 - Tammy Ithier typically prepares three cash boxes: two for the Book Sale and one for the Bake Sale.
 - In previous years, we've had a raffle. Anything this year?
 - The Bake Sale: Friends members typically donate baked goods; we also sell popcorn & water.
 - Barbara Davis will look into making a Sign-up Genius.

Proposed 2017-2018 Budget:

Kevin Lane motioned to accept the 2017-2018 budget as proposed at the September 5, 2017, meeting. Meghan Hanna seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Visibility Committee Update (John Hanna):

- John proposed the idea of becoming “Walking Billboards” at Friends events and presented several possible ideas. He would like those in attendance to email him their ideas ahead of the next meeting.
- The Friends of the Hooksett Library Facebook Page is now up and running!
- Barbara Davis reported that the new Hooksett branch of the Merrimack Savings Bank is holding a contest throughout the month of September, whereby Hooksett citizens can vote for their favorite Hooksett non-profit. The top vote-getter receives \$1,000.

Membership Committee Update (Kevin Lane):

- Kevin distributed a hand-out with the membership committees' findings and future tasks. The key take-aways are: 1.) The Google Group that is supposed to contain all Friends members, committee members, etc. is out of date. When we send announcements/invites/news to all Friends, it is not reaching our current audience. 2.) We do not have a distribution list of past Friends that we could use to target increased membership or involvement with upcoming events.
- The committee has identified several tasks, including 1.) Creating a complete, up-to-date list of current Friends members; 2.) Update the existing software with the membership list; and 3.) Creating a process for incoming memberships to update the database, add to any mailing list, record monies paid, and send thank you notes and owed items for memberships.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.