

Friends of the Sherborn Library (FOTSL)

Board Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2019

Unitarian Universalist Area Church

In attendance: Jennifer Baker, Sandra Burke, Aimee Cronin, Julie Dreyfus, Kaitlin Dunham, Michelle Kozin, Rachel Albertson, Amy VanLangen, Elizabeth Johnston, Carrie Spray, Kara McDermott, Liza Cavaliero, Megha Kadiyala, Suzanne Rovick, Irene Saranteas Bassalee, Dianne Quandt

Absent: Jackie Kleiman, Meghan Stoessell, Courtney Williams, Emily Dellaglio, Tate Sakiyama, Cheryl Oulette, Liz Rowland

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:23am.

Minutes:

Amy VanLangen - President

Amy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

VOTE: Amy made motion to Vote to approve Rachel Albertson as Event Planning Team Member.

Seconded by Sandra Burke. Unanimously approved.

Grant Applications: We have available funds. Ideas: museum passes, create a cozy nook, asking for ideas from others. FOTSL usually applies for 2 Sherborn grants. Amy will write up. We can request whatever amount we would like for the program. Arts Council is Due Mid-October. Sherborn Business Association is due in November. Kaitlin to forward to Amy any applications she gets via email.

Action Item: Amy will find out the dates for grand applications and let us know if she needs any help with the applications. If anyone has new ideas for using it, other than summer concerts.

Budget reminder: Need to think about annual budget. Amy will be meeting with Courtney and Erin soon.

Action Item: All committees need to come up with their budget estimates and requests for 2019-2020. Amy will come back with a date that is due by later after she talks with Courtney.

Action item: Amy to circulate 2019-2019 budget for committees to review when setting this year's budgets.

Action Item: All committees need to review events calendar and make sure you are ok with the dates for the projects or propose dates. Calendar to be finalized at October meeting.

Facilities: Kaitlin talked about the UUAC's generosity letting FOTSL use their facility for our meetings. Last meeting voted for \$500 donation.

Action item: Kaitlin will talk to the UUAC to find out how they would like to get that donation.

Library art: Amy has the art at her house (2 pieces). She will hold them until ready for installation in the Library.

Building construction: Elizabeth update on the building construction. Patio and outside area taking shape. Project is in Dec 2017 was initial completion date. A lot of subcontractor misalignment led to a lot of schedule slippage. Project is 75% complete. Serious dispute between town officials and have rejected the brickwork of the children's room addition. Independent engineers are concerned there are structural issues. Materials seem unsatisfactory. Right now everyone is working to come up with a remedy plan with legal team, general contractor, town officials. Target date may be as late at February 2020 but hoping it doesn't need to be that late.

Children Librarian Update: Cheryl's children's programming summary included below.

Public Services Librarian Update: Liz's public services librarian summary included below.

Consider having a Family Games/Trivia Night. Sounds like it would fall under children's programming. It could be a fundraiser. Need to get board games, bingo, corn hole, giant Jenga. Kaitlin said there are companies that can be hired to do these game nights.

Action item: Children's Programs team to research game night in preparation to discuss at October meeting.

Aimee and Kara: In lieu of Friendsgiving, got space in October to have an Oktoberfest. Friday October 4, 6:30-10pm. \$75 per person, includes open bar at Powisset Farm in Dover. Indoor/outdoor space. Biergarten vibe theme. Have contacted band, breweries, German themed food. Hoping for 150 people. Need to promote it heavily to get the attendance. Need people to make late dessert bar. Money raising suggestions include: a raffle for a beer sampling, wine garden with donated wine. Raffle for 4 rings for \$5 or something like that. Also wall of lottery tickets. Kara will check if we need to apply for an annual raffle permit in Dover if we want to do a raffle. OR can just do games and charge people money and avoid needing a raffle permit. Deposit has not yet been worked out yet. Checking if a police detail needed if open bar. Checking if need a bartender, or need a liquor license. Dover Days and Medfield Days both on Saturday, Sept 14, maybe we can draw some traffic by building awareness there. Suggestion to place a sandwich board in front of Powisset Farm as it is on the way to the Dover Transfer station and gets a lot of traffic.

No update at this time on Sherborn Library Arts and Crafts Fair 2020. Will discuss at October meeting.

Action Item: Arts & Crafts Fair May 9, 2020. Board to mark calendars. All hands on deck for day-of help.

Winterfest, kids event. Kelly Hodge is struggling getting 5th graders to sign up to sing. She may be getting tapped out on doing it. Likely ready to change the guard. Open to revamping the format. Maybe band who does interactive music and cultural things – Julie has name will share with Amy. Might be a good grant application idea.

Need photographs from past events for the flyer where people can't see/identify faces.

Children's programming: Planning for bingo night, thinking about what calendar should look like, including Winterfest. Maybe Natick Arts Council (TCAN) can suggest some bands/entertainers. Board members suggested contacting other libraries nearby for ideas and resources.

Future programming should focus on more than just families with little kids. Older residents, teens scholarship program, other groups to get them more involved with the library.

Action Item: Children's Programs to research Winterfest performer ideas in preparation to discuss at October meeting.

Donor data: Liza met with Molly got a few things over the summer. \$15,000 from Middlesex in January. Not a lot to update.

Summer concert series: Julie reported only 2 concerts due to rain. BC & Company and Group Therapy. Missed some good new bands. Don't have a cancellation fee and will contact them. No way for us to use the SBA grant money for the one sponsored concert, so Kaitlin says just roll over the grant to another concert or a Winterfest performer. Julie will reach out and give grantor an update. Once concerts can be back on the Library lawn, will need to consider electrical outlet locations. Ice cream truck was the big hit. Tried to have food vendors to help families but is an issue if cancellation needed for weather or other. Suggestion included considering to rent a big tent and still holding it even if rain and only booking 3 concerts to leave space for more rain dates. The Heritage may decide to participate in the future with some take out food. Tanglewood box meal suggestion could be a model for having Heritage help with food orders ahead of time.

Action Item: Julie to reach out to Addie Mae Weiss regarding unused summer concert grant funds.

Little Free Library: Door to LFL at Sherborn Playground is broken. Julie's husband has offered to repair. LFL also in need of books. Committee to please donate books.

Welcome committee: Wants to coordinate with other events before setting all the dates. Kaitlin suggested trying to do a meet-up with the large number of new Pine Hill families.

Action item: Welcome committee to reach out to CSA/Megan Stoessell to try an co-host a new families event and will contact assessor to get updated real estate info to connect with people.

Action Item: Welcome committee to connect with Liz Rowland to create library specific sheet for the Sherborn welcome packet. Homework hours, museum passes, renovation information, FAQs. Front/back – all the resources the Library has. Tell new residents about finding Sherborn info on Next Door rather than Facebook.

Exhibits: Sandra said not a lot to report. Need to get ready to do an art show when the Library opens. Plan in the budget for something. Other suggestions included indoor mini-golf for opening with themed holes for history, etc if in winter/cold months.

Question posed whether we would have a book sale this year? Not sure yet. TBD. Need to focus on getting more book donations if so.

VOTE: Motion to adjourn the September 9, 2019 meeting of the Friends of the Sherborn Library. Motion seconded by Kaitlin. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

Next meeting: Oct 10 at 7:30pm at UUAC

Friends Meeting September 2019

The Summer Reading program ***Universe of Stories*** had 130 children sign up. Kids kept track of their reading and when they reached their weekly reading goals they came into the library for prizes. 32 young adults also participated in the summer reading program by coming to our programs or winning scratch tickets to local businesses when they checked out books.

Programming

Our kickoff event in June was **Toe Jam Puppet Band**. Comedy, tricks, music and puppetry was fun for children and families.

Whalemobile brought in 58 participants who climbed inside Nile, a 43 ft life-sized Humpback Whale to learn about animal habitat, behavior, physiology.

Jay Mankita's playful engineers gave kids a chance to build their own Rube Goldberg inventions with zip lines, catapults and other contraptions.

Digeridoo Down Under was fascinating with Australian music, culture, humor and a life-sized crocodile.

Museum of Science Planetarium was back with a night sky show.

Alex Burke, Sandra's husband donated his time to give us a great program about meteors and the night sky. Kids were fascinated with their astronomy lesson and they made their own meteorites.

This month:

Last Saturday, I had a **Dads & Donuts** storytime with coffee and donuts for family members.

There is a **LEGO drop-in** on Wednesday September 18th at 3 pm. For ages 5 and up.

Toto the Tornado Kitten is visiting the library on **Thursday, September 19th at 3:30**.

Toto was caught in a tornado in western MA and ended up in the branches of a tree. She was then found and later adopted by Jonathan Hall who wrote about Toto in a children's book of the same name. Jonathan will bring Toto and tell her story. There will be books available to purchase.

Storytime, Stay and Play for babies and children up to age 4 is on Friday, September 20 , 10:30 am.

Pet Portrait Collage making on Thursday September 26th at 3:30 pm.

Using pencils, paint, markers, feathers, cut outs from magazine and their own pet pictures kids bring in, and make a pet collage picture.

Debbie Hudgins Sing and Swing is back for ***Fabulous Fall*** on Friday September 27th, 10:30 am.

Deb brings musical instruments, sings, reads stories, and gets kids moving. She's a wonderful performer the kids always love.

Events in October:

On Monday October 7th, 10:30 am I am having **Munchkin Music**. I will play children's music with my ukulele and have kids sing along.

Children's performer **Elaine Kessler** will perform a Halloween show for kids on Thursday, October 17th, 3:30 pm. Elaine is a wonderful performer. She comes dressed as a (child friendly) witch, who sings, dances and pretend to be all types of Halloween creatures. The children will meet her little black (puppet) cat who lives in a pumpkin.

On Friday, October 25th at 10:30 am, **Deb Hudgins** will have a Halloween Fun musical program for young children.



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FOTSL call for September agenda items

Liz Anderson <erowland@minlib.net>

Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 5:01 PM

To: Amy VanLangen <amy.vanlangen@gmail.com>

Hi Amy,

I wrote up a little something for Friends meeting. I wasn't sure who was the secretary this year, I usually send to them as well for meeting minutes.

This summer we had 150 people register for Summer Reading. We held 33 programs and had 585 attendees at programs.

We changed our hours beginning in September. Based on library traffic surveys we conducted over the past year or so, we have modified our library hours. The surveys confirmed our feeling that Mondays are one of the busier days and that the late nights were not as busy. In response, we will now be open 10 AM - 8 PM Monday through Thursday (still 10-5 on Friday and Saturday).

Upcoming programs:

- Continuing with monthly **Cookbook Club** and bi-monthly **Books, Brews & Bites**
- **An Apple a Day**: A local history of Sherborn, Holliston and Mass on apples and apple cider. Joint program with the Holliston & Sherborn Historical Society. Sunday, Oct. 6 @ 2pm.
- **Declutter, Simplify, Get Organized!** Thursday, Oct 24 @ 6:30 PM
- **Going Fossil Fuel Free**: Thursday, Nov 7 @ 6:30 PM
- **Learn the Ukelele**: Thursday, Dec 5, 4 PM (kids) & 6:30 PM (adults)

This is more a random thought, but my mom works at the Holliston Library and they do a family game night 4 times a year. They put out board games and get pizza and hold it during dinner time (I think like 5:30-7 PM). They get a great crowd (around 40 people) every time. Thought it could be a cool idea for a friends program (or a library program!).

Thanks so much,
Liz

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I'm currently reading: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

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On Fri, Sep 6, 2019 at 2:45 PM Amy VanLangen <amy.vanlangen@gmail.com> wrote:

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