



AGENDA Friends of the Sherborn Library Board Meeting
Thursday, February 11th, 2021 | 7:30PM | Zoom

In Attendance: Elizabeth Johnston, Michelle Kozin, Kendra Anthony, Carrie Spray, Amy VanLangen, Rachel Albertson, Allyson King, Kara McDermott, Irene Saranteas Bassalee, Megha Kadiyala, Julie Dreyfus, Suzanne Rovick, Jennifer Baker, Dianne Quandt, Megan Stoessell, Cheryl Ouellette, Liz Anderson

Not Present: Aimee Cronin, Tate Sakiyama, Courtney Williams, Emily Thomas

7:35PM Call to Order

General Updates

Amy VanLangen, President

1. **VOTE:** Minutes – Approval of January 2021 minutes*
 - a. Amy made motion to approve. Diane seconded. Unanimous approval.
2. Library Trustees meeting update: Shared take-aways with the group. Makerspace v Historical Society storage needs has not been decided. Still need to determine storage space requirements and how to leverage square footage best. Invited all FOTSL members to the next meeting to continue the dialog. Elizabeth will find out what might be getting discussed offline.
3. Recognition on awesome Paint and Sip event. (19 logins total) Even had a waitlist (10).
4. Recruiting: 7 people rolling off. (Tate is staying on one more year. Jennifer Baker will stay an additional year.) Please spread the word. We need more people to join us!

New Business (60 Minutes)

Library Director's Report

Elizabeth Johnston

1. Update: Architects are inventorying all of the storage space available. The Library basement was assigned to the Library as part of the storage total. If the basement is reassigned to Historical Society, we won't have enough space.
2. Project has slipped by another month due to COVID. Grand re-opening in June is more likely. Beginning to plan for the re-opening. Ribbon cutting is required.
3. The Library windows are going in! Inside finishing work to follow.

Asst. Director / Public Services Librarian



Liz Rowland

1. Update: Good turnout on the events being hosted, cookbook club, books & brews, etc. Continuing to do these things. Got the grant from the Sherborn Cultural Council for program on race with the Dover Library. Should cover the program cost.
2. Talking to the COA about doing joint events. Checking Winterfest numbers – 45 signed up already.
3. Book sale cart with a donations bucket just started. People are donating - \$45 so far.

Children's Librarian

Cheryl Ouellette

4. Update: A lot of programming on birds, owls. Doing Chinese New Year and Valentines Day programming this coming week. Book bundles for tweens are available. Jungle Jim doing something this summer through Arts Council Grant. Sing and Swing on website. St. Patrick's day "make and take" coming in March.

Events Team

Event Planning Team Members (Aimee Cronin, Kara McDermott, Suzanne Rovick, Rachel Albertson, Kendra Sobiech, Emily Thomas)

1. Looking for input on ideas. Suggestion is to do community building that compliments the other programming, rather than duplicate it. Fun Run suggested for Spring with finish line at the Library.
2. Is there a virtual event idea that people would be willing to pay for in order to raise funds? Wine tasting suggested with Virtual First Peek in the Library. (Alternative to the trivia.)

Publications

Carrie Spray

1. No updated needed.

Treasurer

Courtney Williams

1. In absentia. Financial update - donations + expenses. Raised \$23,400. through the annual appeal so far. Courtney will send more financials over the weekend.

Donor Data

Tate Sakiyama

1. No update needed.

Music & Summer Concerts / Little Free Library



Julie Dreyfus

1. No update needed – except that Little Libraries are staying in tact (knobs and all).

Publicity

Publicity Team (Megan Stoessel, Emily Dellaglio, Allyson King)

1. Update: all going well.

Welcome Committee

Welcome Committee Team (Dianne Quandt, Irene Saranteas, Bassalee)

1. New brochure looks great. Getting ready to mail. \$2.75 cost per family includes postage (including COA brochure with ours). Last mailing was the summer. 70 new families since summer through end of December.
2. Virtual welcome event upcoming.
3. Sherborn favorites list
4. Suggestion to get feedback from survey to know what people are liking/not liking.

Children's Programming

Children's Programming Team (Jennifer Baker, Megha Kadiyala)

1. Report on Paint and Sip
2. Virtual Winterfest: Feb 28. Jennifer will send link out to group after our meeting.
3. Need to get into newsletters, other avenues to extend reach, awareness and get more sign ups. Ideas and resources shared.

Exhibits

Position unfilled

1. No update

Other Business

1. Elizabeth recognized the Library staff and their ongoing efforts and positivity as contributing factors to the generosity we are seeing in donations, even without the Library being open.

8:30 PM Motion to Adjourn*

VOTE: Amy made motion. Seconded by Julie. Unanimous approval.

Next scheduled meeting is: March 11th, 7:30 PM via Zoom

*vote required