

AGENDA FOTSL Board Meeting
Thursday, October 10th, 2019 7:30 PM
Alliance Hall, Unitarian Universalist Church

In attendance: Amy VanLangen, Megha Kadiyala, Courtney Williams, Irene Saranteas Bassalee, Carrie Spray, Aimee Cronin, Julie Dreyfus, Kara McDermott, Rachel Albertson, Emily Dellaglio, Liza Cavaliero, Jackie Kleiman

Absent: Jennifer Baker, Sandra Burke, Kaitlin Dunham, Michelle Kozin, Dianne Quandt, Suzanne Rovick, Tate Sakiyama, Megan Stoessell

Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM Call to Order, Amy VanLangen, President

Minutes - Approval of September 2019 minutes* -- motion to approve, seconded, voted to approve with unanimous vote.

New Business (60 Minutes)

Amy VanLangen – President

1. Finalize/approve calendar: Discussion about upcoming events from committees.

- Welcome Committee event October 19th at 9am at Sherborn Playground
- Welcome Committee event November 6th at 7pm at Heritage
- Winterfest January 26th 1:30-3pm
- Welcome Committee Event February 5th at 7pm at Heritage
- March Children's keep TBD
- Trivia in April keep TBD
- Welcome Committee event May 16th at 9am Sherborn Playground

2. SAC Grant due 10/15: FOTSL will use the SAC grant to cover Winterfest performer. Amy will apply and get it in on time for money for Winterfest.

Action item: Amy will apply by the deadline to get money for Winterfest.

3. Annual budget: Committee requests and dates to review.

Action item: Amy will need to request budgets before November meeting.

4. UUAC donation update: We are making it to Room to Read a charity in the name of the church in amount of \$500, the church was pleased.

5. FOTSL materials and supplies storage: We need to find a new place for the items, decided to set up a time to go look at it and decide where to store the items.

Action item: Amy and team will need to meet to look at the stuff and decide where to store.

6. November meeting date: Set for November 14th, 2019, 9:15 AM in Unity Hall and December 12th, 2019, 7:30 PM.

Elizabeth Johnston - Library Director

1. Director's Report. A special donation of \$1,000 was made by the Giaimo/Gfeller family for when the library is finished to be used for final touches. Board discussed doing something special for these larger donations. Suggestion was made to do something similar to Dover with the painted tiles.

Liz Anderson - Asst. Director / Public Services Librarian

1. Assistant Director's Report: Hosted several successful events and a few events coming up; refer to library website and summary for more details.

we had a very successful Books, Brews & Bites meeting with about 15 people attending the book group. We also held a joint program with the Sherborn & Holliston Historical Societies on the history of apples and 75 people attended.

Upcoming Adult Programs:

[Declutter, Simply, Get Organized](#): Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 PM

[Going Fossil Fuel Free](#): Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 PM

[Books, Brews & Bites](#): Thursday, November 21, 7:00 PM

[Learn Ukelele for Adults](#): Thursday, December 5, 6:30 PM

2. Year in Review infographic was passed around. Attached to minutes.

3. Minutes posted to library website: Board agreed we should post past minutes on the Friends of the Sherborn Library page on library website.

Action item: Amy will need to send minutes from September

Cheryl Ouellette - Children's Librarian

1. Upcoming children's events: Full update attached to minutes. Cheryl has applied for 3 LCC grants.

Aimee Cronin - Arts & Crafts Fair Chair

Suzanne Rovick, Kara McDermott, Rachel Albertson - Event Planning Team Members

1. Fall fundraising event: Thank yous and update; it was a great event, good donors, about 100 in attendance. Discussed lessons learned for next year. Revenue was approximately \$2,500; some

expenses still outstanding.

2. Arts & Crafts Fair update: We will start thinking about that at the November meeting and begin to finalize location.

Action item: Events team will post a follow-up “thank you” post recapping Friendstoberfest.

Carrie Spray - Publications

1. Fall Annual Appeal: Draft fall appeal was distributed. Everyone was asked to check their name and the details of the draft. President's letter and pictures still needed. Board asked to send pictures ASAP. Library materials use infographic will be included in the appeal.

Action item: Amy will need to get letter finished before end of October to Carrie

Courtney Williams – Treasurer

1. 2019-2020 budget timeline: We will finalize before November meeting. Meeting next week to draft 2019-2020 budget.

2. Process for committee budgets for 2019-2020

Liza Cavaliero – Donor Data

1. Update: No update.

Julie Dreyfus - Music & Summer Concerts

1. Summer concert suggestions for next year: Hank Wonder said they would come back, still looking for 1 or 2 bands. Railroad House band was suggested.

2. Update on unused 2019 grant funds: Julie was told to hold the funds and use it towards the same band this coming summer.

Julie Dreyfus (interim) - Book Cellar & Little Free Library

1. Update, book donations: Need more books donated, maybe a sign that says “give one take one” so people know how the free library works.

Jackie Kleiman, Megan Stoessel, Emily Dellaglio – Publicity

1. Overview & timelines for requests: Committee asks that board give a week for them to work on things and make sure to give a deadline. For Nextdoor when things get posted make sure we comment and like the post so it stays in the updated area and can be seen. Board is exploring creating an Instagram account. When updates are posted to Nextdoor publicity will send around the link so board can comment/thank. Suggestion was made to do follow-up thank you posts after events.

Action item: Emily to see what username/IG handles are available.

Dianne Quandt, Irene Saranteas Bassalee - Welcome Committee

1. Update, packet schedule, events: Team mailed their first mailing today to over 50 contacts; 4 events scheduled.

2. Timeline for next mailing: January/February

3. New library promotional sheet for welcome packet completed and included in recent mailing.
4. CSA coordination update: Committee will most likely not be coordinating events but may in the future.
5. Board discussed positioning the FOTSL fundraising so that Sherborn community knows donations go to cover library materials and programming.

Action item: Emily to contact Liz about adding pictures to FOTSL library page.

Jennifer Baker, Megha Kadiyala – Children’s Programming

1. Event outline for 2019-2020 was discussed.
2. Date for Winterfest, performer, music component: Jungle Jim booked for Winterfest January 26th 1:30-3PM; it was decided that we’ll do an arts and craft project in place of a musical performance.
3. Family game night update: Team is still working on the details for the game night, decision to be made by November meeting. May do a Bingo event instead of a game night.

Sandra Burke - Exhibits

1. Update – no updates

Other Business

8:40 PM Motion to Adjourn and seconded, voted unanimously to adjourn.

Next scheduled meeting is: **November 14th, 2019, 9:15 AM in Unity Hall**

*vote required –unanimously approved

Friends Meeting October 2019, Children’s Programming

We had 25 people come to see Toto the Tornado Kitten on Thursday, September 19th

This was a wonderful program about Toto the Kitten. Toto allowed kids to hold and pet her . She was the most laid back sweet cat I’ve seen.Her owner Jonathan was wonderful. I will have them back again in the future.

We had a good turnout to make Pet Portrait Collages on Thursday September 26th at 3:30 pm.

Kids had fun decorating pictures of animals with art supplies.

Events in October:

Thursday, October 17th, 3:30 pm : Children's performer **Elaine Kessler** will have a Halloween show for kids.

Elaine is a wonderful performer. She comes dressed as a (child friendly) witch, who tells

stories, sings, dances and pretends to be all types of Halloween creatures. The children will meet her

little black (puppet) cat who lives in a pumpkin. This is a fun interactive program.

Thursday, October 24 , 3:30 – 4:30: There will be a craft afternoon decorating **Dead of the Dead**

wooden light-up small coffins. This holiday known as Dia de Muertos in Mexico celebrates family

members from our past. Kids will decorate with paint, rhinestones, tissue paper etc. Recommended

for ages 6 and up. Sign up at sherbornlibrary.org

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

children. Fall music, songs, stories, musical instruments and a paperchute.

Wednesday, October 23rd 1-2 pm There will be a LEGO

Fridays, 10:30 am: Storytime with stories, fingerplays, scarves and a simple craft.

Tuesday, October 29th 6:30 pm: We are having a **Gap Year** presentation with Katherine Stievater of

Gap Year Solutions. She will speak about options students have between high school and college.

Taking a Gap Year can be a good choice for kids who need time before continuing their education.

This program is geared to high school juniors and seniors and their parents.

Coming up in November I will have a ukulele musical drop in for young on Monday November 4th,

10:30am.

Thursday, November 7th, 3:30 pm: Moosehill Wildlife Sanctuary in Sharon will present a program

about rabbits called **Bouncing Bunnies**. What are the different New England bunnies? What do

rabbits eat and how do they find shelter and food? This program is geared to preschoolers and

kindergarteners.

On Friday, November 15th, 3:30 pm.: **C S Rescitations** in Natick will present **Jump into Coding with**

Scratch. This session will introduce children to the amazing, fun, and free Scratch coding platform.

Children will learn about Scratch and work on a sample project. By the end of the session, children

will have a personal project that they can keep and continue to work on from home or anywhere

they have internet access. Children with prior experience can explore advanced features available in

the coding platform. This program is recommended for children ages 7 -10. The Sign up!

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