

Friends of the Exeter Public Library

Minutes 2/18/2025

Present: Present: Susan Feltus, Hilary Ireland, Ute Tellini, Hope Godino, Barbara Young, Jenny Medlock, Monique Lowd, Andrea Perry, Barbara Young, Diana Perry, Sarah James, Julia Lanter, Carol Eberhardt

1. We approved the minutes from the January 21, 2025 meeting without changes.
2. Treasurer's Report: Closing balance \$4,570.16 in the checking account, \$20,000 in Certificate of Deposit that matures on 3/31/2025 and 5/1/2025. We approved the Report which is attached.
3. Charitable Gaming update: we are assigned Oct 3-12 at the Hampton Beach casino which are considered excellent dates. The paperwork has been completed.
4. Fund Raising update:
 - The Otto fundraiser day for the Friends will be on May 12 all day.
 - Hilary will look into a possible fundraiser at the Regal Theatre in Newington.
 - The Community Oven fundraiser is still in process.
 - Jenny Medlock presented a suggestion from a friend that the Library have a "Parents' Eve" at the Library: parents would drop off their children and high school students would read to them. While it sounds like a good idea, it is not feasible: the Library's insurance does not cover unaccompanied children.
 - Hilary Ireland agreed to chair a subcommittee for fund raising. Ute and Andrea agreed to help.
5. Literary Fair, April 4-5: there will be a concert with Sharon Jones on the first night of the Fair. Susan will pursue the idea of a "Taste of Exeter" for the opening evening of the Lit Fest. She will reach out to restaurants to donate finger or other food for the event. In addition the group strongly endorsed a food drive to benefit area residents.
6. Crafts Fair: May 3. Friends will set up the raffle with craft items donated by the vendors. Andrea Perry agreed to take the lead on the Crafts Fair raffle in May, following the procedures documented by Sarah James.

7. Cribbage: there was a good turn out on February 8.

8. Library Needs: musicians are needed for each of the summer months: June, July and August. Poco Amare is already set for June. The Children's Library's juggler is getting expensive but is immensely popular. The Friends will fund these.

9. Hope Godino is retiring at the end of the month and there will be a retirement party on Friday February 21st from 2-6. The Exeter community is invited and the Friends will bring finger foods.

10. Julia Lanter is the new Director of the Exeter Public Library.

11. Friends officers: Lindsay Hume has agreed to become the next President, Hilary Ireland will be the Vice-President, Susan Feltus will remain as Secretary and Roy Utellini as Treasurer.

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm. Next meeting: March 18 at 6:30.