

Friends of the Exeter Public Library Meeting Minutes Sept. 17. 2024

Please note the meeting for October is the 8th.

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Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2024 6.30pm

Present: Susan Feltus, Hilary Ireland, Evelyn Kelso, Sarah James, Ute Tellini, Lorraine Jurdi, Hope Godino, Barbara Young, Jenny Medlock, Michael Dorby, Carol Eberhardt

We approved the minutes from the August 20, 2024, Meeting without changes.

Treasurer's Report: Closing balance \$22,205.43 on July 31, 2024. We approved the Report.

We welcomed new members Carol and Michael.

There was a discussion of possible fund-raising events including the Community Oven in Hampton which Hilary is exploring. If anyone has new ideas for projects, fundraising, etc., please share them at the meetings.

Cribbage: 7 were in attendance on September 14.

The Craft Fair was sparsely attended, due to the town being quiet. Susan thanked the volunteers who worked on the Raffle Table. The Raffle sales raised \$247.00, slightly less than was raised at the previous Craft Fair.

The next Craft Fair is scheduled for December 7th, 2024, which coincides with The Festival of Trees. The town will be thronged with people and, hopefully, there will be crowds of potential Craft Fair pre-Holiday season shoppers.

Hope will let the Friends know the needs of the Library, as Fall gets underway. At present, the need is for repair work on the sewer pipeline. Work is scheduled for April 2025, the plan is to dig through the floor of the Children's room, and shore up the sagging pipework, which has settled due to sandy sub-soil. The Library will have to be closed during repairs, due to the need to shut off the mains water supply. It is expected to take 3 or 4 days to complete the work.

A gathering with other Rockingham County Library Friends' Groups is planned for Thursday, October 10th, from 3-5pm. Approximately 25 people are expected. The idea-sharing meeting will be held in the Library Mezzanine Meeting Room. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off at The Circulation Desk on the day prior and early on the day of the meeting. Hope requested that Lindsey e mail her and Susan with a list of what she needs for the event. (After the meeting, Linsey emailed that she only needed baked goods, half and half, oat milk, and sugar.)

The advertising posters for the up-coming Fundraiser at Ottos Pizza in Exeter are ready for pickup at the Library Circulation desk. Please pick up a poster and put it up where it will generate traffic for us on that day. Please let your friends know about the event. The Fundraiser is on Monday, October 21st, all day, including eat-in and take-out sales. Ottos will donate 10% of all sales to the Friends.

Susan suggested we all get together at Ottos, enjoy a lunch while supporting the Friends. It was agreed we will meet at Ottos at 11:30am on Monday, 21st October, for some Fall Fundraiser socializing. Last April this Fundraiser raised \$432 for the library. Let's set our goal to surpass this amount.

Susan will investigate what is needed to prepare the Charitable Gaming application for 2025, for our 10 days' allocation. For 2024 we have 5 days remaining in December assigned to us for sharing proceeds. When our final check is received from Ocean Front Gaming, a Thank You note should go out to Scotty Cannella at 81 Ocean Blvd., Hampton.

Hope shared with the Board that the Library is offering a free Woodwind Music Program on Tuesday 15th October at 6 pm, featuring the Avalyn Reed Trio. Because this conflicts with the Friends scheduled meeting, we agreed to change the next meeting date to October 8.

Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:55.

The next meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday, 8th October 2024, at 6.30pm.