

Friends of the Exeter Public Library
Meeting Minutes for October 9, 6.30pm

Chair: Martha Walsh

Present: Monique Lowd (recorder), Sarah James, Ute Tellini, Lorraine Jurdi, Hope Godino, Carol Eberhardt, Pam Hagan, Mia Jacobson, Lindsey Humes, Hilary Ireland

The minutes from the September 17 meeting were approved without changes.

Treasurer's report

\$2421 in checking account
\$20,000 CD with Edward Jones
\$274 Crafts Fair receipts
\$29 stamp expenses

- ❖ Next crafts fair will be December 7; there will be a raffle.
- ❖ Next cribbage is Saturday October 12.
- ❖ Garden: mums, asters...ready to be cut for the Library Friends event on October 10.
- ❖ Charitable gaming: more days coming in December but no new news (from last month's minutes: 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).
- ❖ Music program: the Avalyn Reed Trio will be performing at the Library on October 15 at 6pm. Friends will fund their \$250 fee.
- ❖ OTTO Pizza event coming up on October 21: on that day, 10% of receipts will be donated to the Friends. This includes both eat in and take out. Friends will gather at 11:30 for lunch together at OTTO.
- ❖ Community Oven (<https://thecommunityoven.com>) Pizza in Hampton has a 20% fundraiser available to non-profit groups. Hilary will look into firming a date to benefit the Exeter Friends.

- ❖ Friends of the Library Group Sharing Event on October 10 from 3pm-5pm was discussed at length:
 - Friends and directors of 32 Rockingham public libraries were invited to attend and so far 17 have responded that they will attend.
 - It was felt that it would be good to have Fall and Spring meetings but that another library should host the next meeting.
 - The event will take place in the library mezzanine meeting room. Tables with tablecloths will be set up and there will be refreshments. Lindsey is spearheading the organization of the event.

Agenda:

- Welcome from Hope

- Martha will discuss the work of the Exeter Friends
 - Guest library visitors will introduce themselves
 - Lindsey will get discussions started and pace the meeting (will record ideas on the white board)
 - Carol will fill out names of the participants on name tags and have them on the table
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- ❖ There will be a November Friends meeting but we shall skip December because of a very busy calendar.
 - ❖ Martha will not run again as chair of the group.
 - ❖ Hope is working on what the Library will do for the Exeter Lit Fest in April

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Next Meeting is Tuesday November 19. 6:30 PM