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Friends of the Exeter Public Library

Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2024 6.30pm

Present: Susan Feltus, Hilary Ireland, Ute Tellini, Hope Godino, Barbara Young, Jenny Medlock, Monique Lowd, Lindsey Humes, Lorraine Jurdi, Barbar Young, Diana Perry, Martha Walsh

We approved the minutes from the October 8, 2024, meeting without changes.

Treasurer's Report: Closing balance \$2,171.72 in the checking account, \$20,000 in Certificate of Deposit that matures on December 11, and one expense of \$250 for library music program. We approved the Report.

We welcomed new member Diana Perry.

The Otto Pizza Fund Raising event made \$505. Louise Hirshberg donated \$50 to the Friends, and Susan is to send a thank you note to her. Hillary is in discussion with the Community Oven in Hampton about the Friends being the recipient of one of their charitable contribution days. Susan has filed our application to participate in charitable giving program required of casinos in NH.

11 people participated in the Cribbage games on November 9.

The next Craft Fair is scheduled for December 7th, 2024. The town will be thronged with people and, hopefully, there will be crowds of Craft Fair shoppers. Martha is leading the Friends' raffle that day. All volunteer slots are filled. Martha will be in touch with all of the volunteers. Posters are available at the front desk to be posted around town.

A gathering with other Rockingham County Library Friends' Groups was held on October 10th, at which the leadership of these groups decided to continue to meet to share ideas. Lindsey reports that a second meeting was held in Newmarket on November 14 with 27 attendees. The attendees agreed to meet again in the spring and to publish an email newsletter sharing ideas.

Susan reported that the garden has not been put to bed for the winter and that the volunteers will handle it.

Hope reported that there was to be an A Capella with the Afternotes concert on November 21. A motion was made and approved to pay \$150 to the Library to cover this concert. Hope asked for a donation of \$300 plus to cover a children's program during February school vacation. A motion was made and approved to pay up to \$400 for this program. Hope reported that the plumbing repair is currently on hold so that the Friends' certificate of deposit earmarked for this repair should be renewed until spring.

The Library's Annual Appeal is taking place. Donations will be appreciated. The Library Strategic Planning initiative is currently on hold.

Martha will be away for the January 21<sup>st</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Susan volunteered to cover for her.

Martha is stepping down as President in March. Who will step forward to assume this office? Hillary is continuing as vice president, Roy is continuing as treasurer, and Susan is continuing as Secretary.

The next meetings will be January 21, February 18, and March 18, all at 6:30.