

Friends of the Griffin Free Library - November 6, 2023

Present: Pat Clement, Terry Coll, Joanne Linxweiler, Brenda Brunelli, Brenda Beer, Pat Davenport, Jess Traynor, Peggy Neveu, Cindy Berling, Nancy Mayland, Chip Goodrich, Marie Sullivan, Fay Hanscomb, Cathy Sartorelli, Karen Murray

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM.

Secretary's Report

The previous month's minutes were reviewed. Karen thanked Fay for taking the minutes of the October meeting.

Motion to accept made by Joanne and 2nd by Fay.

Treasurer's Report

Donations from PayPal - \$203.54

Duck Tickets Sales - \$220

Paid for Library Directional Signs - \$288.56

Current balance is \$4,921.32

Motion to accept made by Nancy and 2nd by Pat C

Director's Report - Dan was not able to be at the meeting, but he sent the following information which Nancy shared:

1. Museum passes are at an all time high! The library staff is creating a museum pass spreadsheet for 2024 that will give an overview of passes, due dates, and schedules.
2. Thank you so much to Marie, Fay, and everyone who worked to gather up the financial information needed for grant applications. The Friends will be kept up to date regarding grant applications.
3. Nancy shared some details about the expansion committee's work. There has been one house party and there will be another this week. Nancy talked about the money available from casinos and asked if these funds should be applied for by the Friends' Group or by the Expansion Committee. Since we share a 501c3 number only one group can apply. Cindy said more information is needed before applying for these funds. Marie shared that she is completing the needed

information. Brenda Brunelli explained that the funds from this need to be for a very specific purpose. We will continue to talk about this at our next meeting.

The Expansion Committee has a checking account under the Friends' 501c3 number. The account is Friends of Griffin Free Library Fundraising.

4. Upcoming Events

11/9/23 House Party

11/20/23 Presentation to Select Board*

11/30/23 Presentation to Budget Committee*

*The recommendation of these two boards is critical to getting a bond on the warrant in March. All are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

New and Old Business

Website - Cindy shared that the Friends have a website which is friendsofgriffinfree.org

After looking at the website Cindy received many thanks and a round of applause for the great work she has done to create this website. Cindy is willing to continue to update this site. It is important for people to send Cindy any information they would like on the site.

New Museum Passes - Jess explained there are not as many passes available this time of the year as some passes are for places which close in winter. Some Library patrons have asked for a pass to the Boston Museum of Science.

Brenda Brunelli suggested the Friends also purchase a Zoo New England pass which provides a discount to both the Franklin Park and Stone Zoos.

Marie made a motion to spend up to \$900 for the purchase of museum passes to the Boston Museum of Science and Zoo New England. Motion to accept made by Brenda Brunelli and 2nd by Pat D. This motion passed unanimously.

Email List Shared by Library - Joanne asked about the list that was given out at the Expansion Open House with email addresses of the selectboard members and those who serve on the budget committee. She explained that the selectboard have town email addresses, but the budget committee members have personal emails. These personal addresses were published and handed out without asking permission. Those who spoke to this issue agreed that it is not appropriate for private email addresses to be shared without permission. No one at the meeting knew how these email addresses were obtained.

Bedrock Gardens Museum Pass - Karen asked if the library website can be updated to include specific information about the pass to Bedrock Gardens. It would be helpful to include details such as number of people admitted with the pass and whether admission is free or discounted. This information is provided for other passes.

Nomination of Officers - Pat C. reminded us that the December meeting will be the time to nominate next year's Friends' officers. She shared that some of the officers have held their positions for several years and encouraged everyone to think about if they would be interested in any of the positions.

Universal Library Signs - Cathy Sartorelli submitted a detailed summary of the process for the purchase of the 2 universal library signs with arrows. We again thank Cathy for her work coordinating this project and providing this step by step documentation. Karen put this document in the binder with the minutes of the Friends' meetings.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 Made by Brenda Beer, 2nd by Pat C.

Next Friends' Meeting: **Monday, December 4, 2023** @7pm at the library.

Karen Murray, Secretary