

## **Friends of the Griffin Free Library - September 5, 2023**

Present: Pat Davenport, Kim Crete, Brenda Beer, Pat Clement,, Terry Coll, Joanne Linxweiler,, Dan Szczesny, Elaine Willett, Cindy Berling, Pat Allard, Cathy Sartorelli, Fay Hanscomb, Chip Goodrich, Karen Murray

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

### **Secretary's Report**

The previous month's minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept made by Pat C. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda.

The membership list has been updated and there are 28 members.

Karen emailed people who do not regularly attend meetings and asked for a reply indicating if they wanted to remain a member or be removed from our list. After 2 emails, and a deadline to reply, there were no responses from 14 people. The 2<sup>nd</sup> email indicated they would be removed from the membership list, but will be welcomed back at any time.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current balance is \$3564.34

\$300 cash was taken out for start-up money for sales at the Duck Race.

The signs have not been paid for yet.

Motion to accept made by Fay and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry.

### **Friends' Old and New Business**

Library Directional Signs - The signs were put in today. Some members were present and pictures were taken. The total cost for both signs is \$282.56. Thank you Cathy for taking the lead on this! Mike Dross and Scott Rolfe were helpful in the installation.

Karen will send thank you notes to Mike and Scott. She will also share info about the signs on the Auburn Community Facebook page and in the Town Crier.

Lanyards - Members will wear these at events and turn them in at the end of the event. They will be stored at the library.

Duck Race Sept. 9, 2023 - Final details of 50/50 Raffle, popcorn/drink sale, and Pick-A-Duck were discussed.

Additional help is welcomed if anyone is available at 3:00 for clean-up..

Pat will provide Karen with a list of those who donated prizes as well as the winners of the 50/50 Drawing. Karen will include a thank you to those who donated and acknowledge the winners in the October Town Crier article.

Shed - The shed will be cleaned on September 20th at 1:00PM. Some members volunteered to help, but others are welcome.

Authors - We will wait until February or March to have an author.

Possible Authors:

John Rockwoods who lives in Auburn is an author and photographer - Owner, Nature For All To See & THE LOON MAN NH. Dan will talk to him about speaking in February. His fee is \$150.

Lucy Geddes - lives in Auburn and writes children's books.

<https://www.lucygeddes.com/about-the-books/>

There will be several authors outside the library during the Duck Race. Dan suggested members of the Friends talk to these people and get their contact information since we may want to invite them to speak in the future. Brenda and Fay have agreed to do this.

Website - <https://friendsofgriffinfree.org/>

Cindy has developed a very basic website for the Friends. She will add a link to the library website. She will also add 2 donation links. One will be to donate to the Friends and the other will be for donations for the library expansion.

Karen will take care of the correspondence for [info@griffinfree.org](mailto:info@griffinfree.org)

Cindy explained that 100 email addresses are available and included in cost of the website. The board members will have email addresses associated with this site and passed on when someone new takes over the position. These addresses will be available soon.

Pat D. [president@friendsofgriffinfree.org](mailto:president@friendsofgriffinfree.org)

Pat C. [vicepresident@friendsofgriffinfree.org](mailto:vicepresident@friendsofgriffinfree.org)

Marie [treasurer@friendsofgriffinfree.org](mailto:treasurer@friendsofgriffinfree.org)

Karen [secretary@friendsofgriffinfree.org](mailto:secretary@friendsofgriffinfree.org) and

Fay [booksale@friendsofgriffinfree.org](mailto:booksale@friendsofgriffinfree.org)

Pat C. [santabreakfast@friendsofgriffinfree.org](mailto:santabreakfast@friendsofgriffinfree.org)

Additional addresses can be added. Please let Cindy know if you have any feedback regarding the website or if you would like specific information or content on the site.

### **Director's Report**

1. Museum Pass Update - The passes are being used a lot! In August 50 passes were used. So far this year 154 passes have been used. In comparison, last year the total was 158.
2. The brochures have been printed and displayed. The cost for 250 brochures is \$128. The Friends need to reimburse Hope this amount as she paid for them.
3. Fundraising for the Library Expansion - Fundraising has begun. A bank account has been set up and a fundraising committee is working on outreach. There is a donation jar at the library. If any Friend would like to host an "expansion party" let the committee know. There is money available to pay for the invitations and snacks.
4. Grant potential - The NH Charitable Foundation has a major grant available for IT and Library Tech which can be geared toward an expansion grant. This grant is available to non-profits so the Friends' EIN number and 5013c info will be needed. Dan will do the work to apply for this grant.

5. Important dates:

Sept. 12: 9am at library, Fundraising Committee will meet to discuss progress and strategy.

Sept. 25: 7pm at town hall, Select Board meeting (we'll give an overview of the expansion and fund raising efforts thus far.)

Oct. 19: At AVS, Community Open House to present expansion and fundraising efforts to Auburn.

Santa's Breakfast - There will be a Santa Breakfast Planning Meeting on **Monday October 2, 2023** @6pm at the library.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 Made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne.

Next meeting: **Monday October 2, 2023** @7pm at the library.

Karen Murray, Secretary