

## NEW FRIENDS OF THE SAUGUS PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES

February 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

The minutes from the January meeting were submitted by Janis Long. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Donna and it was seconded by Ann Marie. They were accepted by the committee.

The treasurer's report was submitted by Jean Swanson:

The starting balance for January was \$31,797.61. Expenses amounted to \$295. January income was \$640, which left an ending balance of \$32,142.61. We have \$10,000 in a CD at East Boston Savings Bank and interest earned on the CD, which was \$18.14. We also own 350 shares of Oracle stock which, as of December 31, had a value of \$13,457.50.

Game Night Report:

Our adult game night in January was successful and we are slowly gaining new players. We had a total of 12 people with the promise of more to come. The next game night is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 in the community room.

Director's Report presented by Brian Hodgdon:

Brian presented us with a chart on Museum Pass Usage that indicated the number of passes that we purchased that were actually used in 2016.

He confirmed that the Jeannie Mack program for preschoolers would take place on the second Friday in February. He told us that Amy, the children's librarian, would like to request \$495 from the New Friends to fund Nature Nick's Exotic Animal Show for the children's summer reading program's end-of-the-summer celebration. It will be held on Friday, August 11. Janis made a motion to approve the request, and Jean seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Brian told us about an upcoming Middle School Honor Society collaboration with the library to provide homework help for elementary school children on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. They will begin this service after the February vacation.

He informed us that the library will be participating in the Noble Network Overdrive program that will add more ebooks and audiobooks for patrons to borrow.

He reported that he will be holding two all-staff meetings for the library staff per year, the first one being held during the second week of February.

Finally, he notified us that the next Trustees' meeting would take place on February 2.

Old/New Business:

Janis inquired as to whether there was a portable defibrillator available in the library in case the need arose. If not, she suggested that perhaps the New Friends could purchase one. Brian said that they do not have one, but he will research the cost for us.

Pam suggested that Jim Blanchard, the former Saugus Fire Chief be approached to offer a safety course.

Pam asked the children's librarian if the Winter Wonderland program might be more popular if we have it after school in December, rather than on a Saturday, and she agreed that the Saturday attendance is very low, so that option might be a better choice.

Pam is still waiting for a response from AARP for their workshops.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

The next meeting will be held March 1, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ann Marie and seconded by Pam.

The meeting concluded at 6:50 PM.

Upcoming Events:

March 17-Books in Bloom

April 19-Wingmasters Program

May 11-Stephen Puleo "American Treasures"