

NEW FRIENDS OF THE SAUGUS PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES

December 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

The minutes from the November meeting were submitted by Janis Long. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Melita 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 November was \$1,612.95. There were no expenses. November interest income totaled \$2.77, which left an ending balance of \$31,615.72. We also have \$10,000 in a CD at East Boston Savings Bank.

Membership Report:

The membership drive is beginning for 2017. Janis volunteered to send emails to members to renew their memberships in January. We would like to try to receive the membership dues by January 31.

Game Night Report:

There were not as many participants in the game night on November 15. We did not schedule a game night for December due to the holiday hustle and bustle, but we will resume the game nights on January 17. We are trying to hold them on the third Tuesday of the month. Members are asked to bring board games or card games to share.

Report on Winter Wonderland:

The program was held on Saturday, December 3, during the holiday stroll. It ran from 10-12. There were very few children that came to avail themselves of the crafts, etc, so we will contemplate asking the Youth and Recreation department if they would consider combining our program with the tree-lighting ceremony next year. We will revisit the situation next year as the time approaches. Children would need to have a parent with them and there would be no food allowed.

Director's Report presented by Brian Hodgdon:

Brian reported that due to the successful Jeannie Mack Halloween program, Amy, the children's librarian, would like to have Jeannie back for a winter program on Friday, February 10, for a cost of \$295. It will be a Winter/Valentine's Day song fest. Jean made a motion to fund the program, with Melita seconding the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve the funding.

Brian reported that circulation is down a little. He also told us that the library has added 4 Roku streaming boxes with movies on Vudu for circulation. If anyone would like to donate digital copies of movies that they haven't downloaded, the library would be happy to accept them to download on the systems.

Brian also reported that he would be holding a stakeholders' meeting with members of all three boards that support the library.

Old/New Business:

The New Friends has received a donation of stock from Oracle. It has a value of \$14,000. Our co-chairs and treasurer completed the paperwork. It could possibly be partially matched by the GE. It will be left in tact until such time as we may need to use it.

Public Comments:

Daryll received an email stating that the Stephen Puleo American Treasures Book would be featured on History.com in the History and the Headlines section.

The MEG tree that the New Friends donated was very pretty. One of our audience members said that she would like to participate in the decorating of the tree next year.

The next meeting will be held January 4 at 6:00 PM.

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

The meeting concluded at 6:55 PM.