

NEW FRIENDS OF THE SAUGUS PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES

January 4, 2017

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

The minutes from the December meeting were submitted by Janis Long. Jean made a correction to the minutes. The Treasurer's report should have indicated the starting balance for November was \$31,612.95. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Anne Marie and it was seconded by Jean. They were accepted by the committee.

The treasurer's report was submitted by Jean Swanson:

The starting balance for December was \$31,615.72. Expenses amounted to \$100.46. December income was \$282.35, which left an ending balance of \$31,797.61. We also have \$10,000 in a CD at East Boston Savings Bank, as well as 350 shares of Oracle stock. The GE will be giving us a matching donation or \$11,360.50 for the stock donation.

Membership Report:

We have begun the membership drive for 2017. Emails have been sent to members to renew their memberships in January. So far we have received six renewals, we have welcomed one new member, and we have received a donation from a lifetime member. The total received for membership dues so far is \$410.

Game Night Report:

Our next game night is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 in the community room.

Revisiting Winter Wonderland:

Due to the large amount of people that attended the annual tree-lighting ceremony this year, the board decided that it will probably not be advisable to hold the Winter Wonderland on the same evening as the tree-lighting. We will consider holding it on a Friday afternoon or on a morning during the Christmas school vacation. More discussion will take place as we approach the holidays next fall.

Director's Report presented by Brian Hodgdon:

Brian reported that the Polar Express pajama party was a success. He confirmed that the Jeannie Mack program for preschoolers would take place in February. He also informed us that the Trustees' meeting would take place on January 5, and Pam said that she would try to attend.

Old/New Business:

Pam suggested that we consider hosting a program on Identity Theft that is sponsored by the AARP Fraudwatch Network on an afternoon in April. They have three different workshops. If we don't want the Identity Theft program, they also have one on Fraud Alert, as well as one on Life Reimagined and changing your house to meet your needs. We will discuss this further at a future meeting.

Pam will contact Hank Philippi Ryan to discuss sponsoring her presentation. We may have to consider changing the venue if we have too many people that are interested in attending.

Jean suggested we set up a white elephant table on Founder's Day this year to earn money for the ornaments for the MEG Christmas tree. Members of the New Friends could donate their forgotten or no-longer-desired treasures for the table.

Public Comments:

Although there were three members of the public in attendance at this meeting, there were no public comments.

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

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

The meeting concluded at 6:40 PM.

Upcoming Events:

April 19-Wingmasters Program

May 11-Stephen Puleo "American Treasures"