

FRIENDS OF THE AMESBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2016 at the Amesbury Public Library Local History Room 7:00PM - 1 of 2

APL Friends Board and Managers: Nicole Harry, Crystal MacKay, Christine Conant, Pam Gilday, Erica Puorro

Library Personnel: Erin Matlin

Additional Friends and Community Attendance: Rosie Werner, Diane Cole

Secretary's Report: (document dated October 3, 2016)

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Library Director's Report to the Friends: (document dated November 7, 2016)

Highlights include:

- The library is close to filling the IT/Reference position and has received many resumes for the children's librarian position
- The fountain is off and will be covered for the winter
- Program attendance has been good
- The library was closed on October 10 in observance of Columbus Day
- Food for fines is running November 1st to November 18th

Library Requests

The board approved \$1,200 in library requests, including

- \$1,000.00 in books for the holiday program
- \$200.00 for Friends Chamber of Commerce membership renewal fee

Treasurer's Report: (document dated October 1, 2016 – October 31, 2016)

Treasurer's Report highlights included:

- Provident Bank balance 10/31 = \$2,863.77
- Newburyport 5 Savings Bank balance 10/31 = \$5,788.14
- Earmarked \$3,560.21 from closed (additional) Newburyport 5 for expenses to be determined
- Earmarked \$275.00 for Children's Room
- Appropriated \$500/month for museum passes
- Total appropriated and earmarked \$3835.00+

Book Shop Report:

Book Shop Report highlights included:

- September Book Shop sales were \$868.00
- Holiday Special Children's Book Sale will be 11/28 – 12/23

Membership Report: (document dated October 2016)

There were 3 renewals and 1 new membership in October

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Marketing Report:

Erica Puorro presented the Marketing update, highlights included:

- There were 13 additional likes on the Friends' Facebook page
- The post with the highest reach was the Salem Witch Trials post

Old Business

Cookie Walk 2016

- The date has changed to December 15
- Requests for bakers will go out next week

New Business

Visit from Rosey Werner

Rosey Werner donated a family game night basket and spoke to the Friends about the Red Ribbon campaign and the 2018 350th birthday celebration

- The Red Ribbon campaign is to promote awareness of safe driving and ribbons will be distributed through various sources in town
- There will be a big meeting in January with the mayor to begin planning for the 350th Anniversary of Amesbury
- There will be monthly events throughout the year and they would like the Library/Friends to participate

Friends to Friends Meeting

Pam will attend the Friends to Friends meeting on Saturday 11/19

- Focus on how other groups raise money and membership

Donations received this month

Additional donations received this month included

- \$150 for childrens programming or materials
- \$50 as a Thank You for Margie's programs
- A memorial donation fund kicked off to be earmarked for large print books

Adjourn:

The next Friends of the Amesbury Public Library meeting is December 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM.