

## **Friends of Rockport Public Library Board Meeting Minutes September 16, 2016**

**Present:** Jo Desmond, Ann Filley, Judy Lindahl, Nelda McClellan, Pat Messler, Chris Sady, and Ben Blackmon, Library Director   **Absent:** Kathleen Meil and Carol Robinson

### **Meeting called to order at 8:33 AM.**

Picture taken for the giving of the gift to the library.

Pat passed out copies of the recent Camden Herald article about the library bond discussion at the recent Select Board Public Hearing.

**Secretary's report** – Minutes of the August 26, 2016 meeting reviewed and accepted.

**Treasurer's report** – Ann presented the August Report for review. End of month balance of \$32,340.54. Gifts to the library will be made in September. The payment to Narativ will likely be made in September. Report accepted.

### **Library Director's Update -**

Display - A new library display is complete. Library staff and volunteers can now do table exhibits at events. Last night the display was set up at the Camden Rockport Elementary School Open House. Had information about the new library and used an iPad to show the new library plans. Also, children were able to sign up for library cards. The display will be used two times tomorrow (Saturday) – at the new Pen Bay Wellness Trail and at the start of hockey season at MRC.

Library Bond - They are ramping up the PR campaign for the bond for the new library. It includes "Invite your Neighbor" meetings – the first one scheduled Sept 29 at 5:30 PM. Hosted by Joan Welsh and Cheryl Leichty for their neighbors.

Volunteer sign up sheet at library front desk – for many different activities. Will give volunteers training for the jobs.

Presentations - A self-publishing event held this past week was attended by ten people and was very well received.

Ben Odgren will Present "Don't Read That! A History of Banned Books" on Sept 28 at RPL. UMaine Professor Darren Ranco will present "Native Americans, the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment and Voting in the State of Maine" on Sept 29 at the Opera House. Event is sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council. Four children's events are planned for October – three of them have a Halloween focus.

**Ad Hoc Library Planning Committee update** – meets on Mondays at 5 PM. Making plans for the PR campaign - How to get the word out. Plan to target existing meetings with presentations or exhibits (the YMCA, Rt 90 Business Group, etc.). Talked about a "knock on door" campaign, into areas less associated with the library (such as West Rockport).

Volunteers are needed for the PR effort.

**FRPL Volunteer Party** – Set the date for the 2017 volunteer party by July, so we can give volunteers a Save the Date card when they come to help at the Book Sale or work at the library.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Storage for Books** – Ann researched storage options and presented them. Looked at costs and sizes for Shepards, Swift's Storage, space at the State of Maine Cheese Co. building and at the building next to the West Rockport fire station.

The book sorters reported that they will need storage in November, so we need to calculate for approximately 9 months of costs.

Shepard and Swift's would be higher than the \$750 budgeted for annual storage costs.

*Action: After discussion, voted to contract with Swift's starting in November and use the container at that facility.*

**Seafaring Series** – Speakers all set. Speakers for final date needed (Oct 13) are Sharon Daley and Doug Cornman from Maine Seacoast Mission. Full series will be promoted in the fall newsletter.

Refreshment leaders: Oct 6 - Nelda; Oct 13 - Pat; Oct 20 - Ann and Nelda and Oct 27 Ann

**Newsletter** – Will include articles on Membership, Seafaring Series, Book Sale, and Promotion of the library bond as part of our mission. Newsletter will be put together by library staff and proofed by staff and FRPL. Will be distributed by the end of September.

**Insurance Discussion** – Postponed insurance discussion until November.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Nominating Committee** – Pat, Ann and Chris.

Will present a slate of officers for the October Annual Meeting.

**Next Meeting date:** Friday, October 28 –

Annual Meeting at 8 AM followed by regular monthly meeting.

**Adjourned at 9:55 AM.**

Respectfully submitted, Christine Sady, Secretary