

Friends Of Newbury Town Library Meeting - August 15th, 2018.

Attending: Maureen Haley, Tammy Cotter, Pam Myers-Kinney, Joan Friedman, Julie Maneikis (filled in as Secretary for Patty), Erin Tuomi, Jean Ackerly, Kati Bourque

Seniors Day is Tues Aug 21st. Board agreed on seniors can each take two books per person. Joan will make up a flyer for the event. Erin and Tammy will do a quick mailchimp.

Harvest Fest Planning Discussion: Sat, Oct 13. Erin made great flyers for The Friends! Soup and Bread Contest, now to be named "Loaf & Ladle". Erin's newsletter goes out this Friday and will mention this date for Harvest Fest! Time line for event TBD.

- Pumpkin Contest: Propose three categories - kids, teens, and adults. Will need prizes. Katie will work on securing kids' prizes. Maureen will work on getting donations for other prizes. The Board will create an invitation to send to the Selectmen and have them judge. Jeans hopes to have VIP's in attendance b/c of a dedication to Lois Anderson. There will also be an Author Talk that morning. Decided pumpkins should be turned in on the prior Tuesday or up til the 13th. The entries are to a Literary Inspired carved pumpkin to be presented with a book.
- Loaf and Ladle Contest: Erin needs The Friends to come up with wording for the advertising. People can submit any kind of soup or bread. Awards will be given out for 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize.
- Pam: presented idea of having high-end crafters come in to sell their wares. But discussion led to the board thinking it may be too much going on in one day. Exception would be for the Fairy Lady to display her Fairy Houses that day and we'll offer an event with her in November, Pam will ask her.
- Lots happening during Harvest Fest: Jean said The Pelican Organization will be raffling off a quilt, the Lois Smith Dedication and a Book Talk. Jean will talk to facilities people about not overloading the outlets with our Loaf and Ladle Cook-Off. Katie will have a kids craft.

Proposed timeline for Harvest Fest:

9:45 Patrons drop off soup/bread, set up baked goods & coffee, display table for membership forms, hats and flags, sign and donation jar.

10:00 Bake Sale begins.

10:30 Tasting begins. If they can stay to serve their soup/bread, great. If not, we will solicit volunteers.

11:00 VIPS vote on pumpkins

11:30 Commemoration/Dedication

11:45 Pumpkin Winners announced & prizes given

12:00 Author Talk

1:45 Loaf & Ladle winners announced & prizes given

2:00 Raffle Winners announced & prizes given

Patrons pick up soups/breads at 2pm. Take pumpkins home?

Finance, Pam: We've spent about \$1,980 and we've brought in about \$860., income projections look good. There was a \$100 donation earmarked for audio books (Pam called it a 'grant') and Maureen will order the audio books. Katelyn's Cultural Council Grant.....we never got the money. For this year, we need to make sure the paperwork is all in order! Pam offered to get involved and will follow up with Amy Swiniarski. Paid for the Chamber of Commerce membership, Aquarium, a Friends bank account debit card, paid Annual Report to MA of \$15. Still working on Welcome Packets with Erin, created a great FNTL Membership/Info tri-fold brochure using Vista Print. We need to draw up a certificate offering people a free book when they come in to get a library card and add to welcome basket. Joan will work on.

Other: Thinking about creating a poster that would show patrons where their money goes when they donate to The Friends. (Linda Rivera's idea). Joan will work on one. Tammy - waiting to hear back from Sue Noyes on the Community Channel. Maureen - will contact the Council on Aging. Will they post about our Friends Fundraisers? Katie: Has an invoice for Zach Fields, needs check from Pam today, proposed a fundraising idea > Have gift baskets in the book sale room. Baby-themed gift baskets, cook book gift baskets for ex - could add wine, gourmet crackers, etc...Board will discuss further.

Pam proposed an Enchanted Fairy Garden Craft Event. Fee for woman is \$200 (for four hours). \$12.50 cost of supplies for participants. Our break-even would be ten people. Should we charge \$35 or \$40 pp? How do we secure deposits from people ahead of time? Or do we have people pay in full in advance? What's our minimum number of people? Can be done thru PayPal? Proposed Date for Fairy Event: Nov. 8th. To be discussed at the Oct. meeting.

Calendar:

Sept 6, Thurs 12:15 Friends Meeting - discuss Harvest Fest plans

Sept 18, Tues 6:30-8:30 Einstein Program Meet and Greet

Oct. 4, Thurs 12:15 Friends Meeting - Harvest Fest and others as time allows.

Oct 13, Sat - 10-2pm Harvest Fest

Nov. 1, Thurs 12:15 Friends Meeting

Nov. 8th Fairy Garden Event possibly