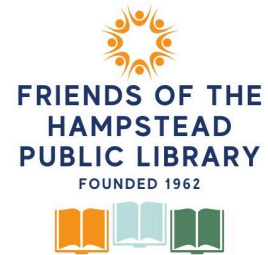


Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2025

6:30pm – 9 Mary E. Clark Drive, Hampstead, NH

Meeting Room



1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:31pm.

Present: President Nick Mancusi, Vice President Lisa Hodge, Secretary June Lahey, Library Liaison Emily Wentworth, Thrift Shop Manager Sue Mancusi, members Danielle Cayer and Barbara Stilwell.

2. President's Report

- Hampstead Civic Meet and Greet was attended by Nick and Lisa. They got 5 new members and connected with the community.
- A new logo has been created for the thrift shop and an updated pricing poster was made. Remodels are coming at the end of the month.
- June has decided to resign from the board at the end of her term. Nick thanked her for all she has contributed.

3. Secretary's Report

- June shared the minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting.
- Motion to approve minutes made by Danielle, seconded by June, all in favor.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Nick presented the treasurer's report for December 2024 - February 2025 on behalf of Kara.
- Thrift store brought in \$6,170 during this time. Expenses for programming, museum passes, and thrift shop heat totaled \$1,720.12.
- Ending balance is \$48,763.32.
- Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Lisa, seconded by Emily, all in favor.

5. Vice President's Report

- Sue and Lisa met with three other members to brainstorm some fundraising ideas.
- Lisa is working on improving the membership tracking system so it is up to date and member expiration dates are listed.
- Although the bylaws do not explicitly state it is required, Lisa wants to make sure board members are keeping their memberships up to date.
- The friends were chosen as the beneficiary of the Hannaford bag program again in the month of January.
- Lisa will share the membership file with the board.
- Lisa went to the United for Libraries Grant information session and discovered that the friends do not qualify.

6. Library Liaison's Report

- Since the last meeting, a motion to approve up to \$600 for a SafeSitter course and up to \$400 for butterfly kits was made by Emily, seconded by Lisa with 5 votes in favor and 2

abstain on January 29, 2025.

- Pre-approved checks were paid out for: NH State Parks pass \$105, Aviation Museum pass \$150, Butterfly Place pass \$400, Safe Sitter Course \$350, quarter 1 yoga \$100.
- Emily requested \$213.33 for 500 pencils to be included in library welcome packs, motion to approve made by Nick, seconded by Sue, all in favor.
- Emily requested \$150.30 for 2 replacement AED pads, motion to approve made by Nick, seconded by Lisa, all in favor.
- Emily read a letter of request from Megan for \$4,000 for the summer reading program, motion to approve made by Nick, seconded by June, all in favor.
- Emily discussed the possibility of meeting more frequently to keep momentum on some proposed tasks. Some members may informally meet between meetings to discuss fundraising and membership efforts.
- The library is investigating adding some sound proofing to the study rooms and Crowley Room to control noise levels. Nick will share some ideas he has to help, the friends are open to potentially funding this project.

7. Trustees Liaison's Report

- Carol was not present, Emily shared that Megan Michaud started in February as the new Youth Services Librarian.

8. Thrift Shop Manager's Report

- The thrift shop is continuing to function effectively.
- Danielle is going to look into getting a new sandwich board for outside.

Old Business

9. Thrift Shop Remodel

- The thrift shop room is getting a facelift including fresh drywall to cover the ceiling, fresh paint, new flooring, and new lights.
- Nick has coordinated with local businesses who are interested in donating their labor.
- Motion to accept the plan, donated money and materials made by Danielle, seconded by Lisa, Danielle yes, June yes, Lisa yes, Barbara yes, Emily yes, Sue and Nick abstain.

New Business

10. Email Meetings/Voting

- Nick wants to make sure the board is following rules when voting via email between meetings. A motion needs to be made, then a second, and then a vote from every board member. The email chain will serve as the voting record, and then what passes will be noted in the next meeting minutes.

11. Fundraising

- A Thrift Shop fashion show is in the works for June 28th at 10am. This will likely not be a fundraiser but will serve as advertising for the thrift shop.
- At the fundraising committee meeting, Glenda offered to donate her personal home holiday collection for the friends to sell and raise money. The friends will host a sale event sometime over the summer.
- Another idea is to host a trivia night, potentially offsite.

- A new friends member who attended the committee meeting had an idea to host a type of hack-a-thon event and get businesses involved. He is investigating connections.
- There was an idea for a library or book themed food event similar to the taste of the town event. It could be hosted somewhere with a kitchen such as the Congregational Church.
- There is also the idea of pairing a presenter with refreshments and charging for tickets as a fundraiser.

12. Next Meeting

- **June 12, 2025 @ 6:30pm**

13. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Emily, seconded by Danielle, all in favor, meeting adjourned 8:36pm.

Minutes prepared by Emily Wentworth for Secretary June Lahey.