

**Friends of the Merrimack Public Library**  
**June 10, 2024 meeting - 7:00 pm**

In attendance: Debbe Walter, Friends president; Victoria Agnew, Friends treasurer; Michelle Nover, Friends secretary; Claire Muise, Friends Vice-President; Pauline DuCharme, director at large; Jen Jobin, Board representative; Yvette Couser, Director, Merrimack Public Library

**Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting were submitted for approval  
Pauline made a motion to accept the minutes  
Debbe seconded the motion  
Motion passed

**Next Friends Meetings**

Monday, August 26, 2024 at 7:00 pm

**Thanks received**

We received a lovely letter from the Town of Merrimack, thanking us for the \$400 donation to the Parks and Recreation Department to be used towards the Camp Scholarship Fund.

**Treasurer Report**

The financials were presented for approval - \$17,477.83 final balance  
Michelle made a motion to accept the financials  
Pauline seconded the motion  
Motion passed

**Director's Report**

- The Library was nominated for Non-Profit of the Year in the Greater Merrimack Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards. YMCA of Greater Nashua won the award.
- Joanne Marston will be out on STD for a knee replacement beginning 6.24. Jen Stover, Alyssa and I will be picking up her duties while she is out.
- Staff are completing their annual evaluations.
- Staff are compiling the Year End Expenditure list which will help the Trustees encumber unspent funds in June to carry over for next year. Some items will be purchasing new computers in advance of upgrading to Windows 11.
- John Walsh mailed a check for the Jan Book Sale Check and also for the June Sale – he is available to pick up sale leftovers on Saturday.
- Summer Reading Program “Adventure Begins at Your Library” kicks off on June 26<sup>th</sup> with a children’s concert featuring Ben Rudnick and Friends at Abbie Griffin Park

Yvette drafted a letter to the Chuchul Family, thanking them for the donation and included photos from the 2 events that the donation paid for - Lindsay and her Puppet Pals and Mad Science of Maine. Debbe approved and signed the letter.

**Gift for Joanne Marston**

We decided to send Get Well flowers to Joanne after her surgery.  
Debbe make a motion to spend \$100 for flowers, to be delivered to her house  
Michelle seconded the motion  
Motion passed  
Debbe will take care of during the week of June 24th

### **Trustee Report**

\*Attended the New Hampshire Library Trustee association meeting.

\*Slate roof repair approved

\*Elevator doors to be repaired - approved (this is an additional repair from the elevator refurbishing )

\*Chiller replacement - looking into

\*Sprinkler repair - looking into

\*The Children;'s Services Department had a new desk installed - lovely wood, matches the bookcases and is a large, spacious desk. The electrical pole that was right in front of the previous desk was moved.

### **Book Sale**

Thursday, June 20th - Debbe and Pauline setting up the Klump Room - any other help would be greatly appreciated

Friday, June 21st - 5:15 start meeting in the Lowell Room. People will be checked in. Debbe will welcome. Vote on Vice President and Secretary. The Library staff will actually close down the Library at 5:00 and then we will re-open to let in the Friends members for the meeting. Jen will be in charge.

Saturday, June 22nd - sale 9:00-2:00. Help needed at the desk and inside the room throughout the day. Debbe will be in attendance until noon only.

Debbe made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Claire seconded the motion

Motion passed - meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm