FRIENDS OF THE W.K. SANFORD COLONIE TOWN LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES

5/12/26

Attending

Tori Behrmann, Nicole Hoffman, Leslye Milos, Louise McColgin, Elliot Robins, Teresa Manzi, Jennifer Soucy, Elissa Valente, Claudia Thornton, Ruth Lyons, Becky Klope, Rebecca Spath, Judi Gallop, Mary Fitzgerald, Edye Benson.

Library Report

Garden volunteers are taking care of the garden and weeding. The goose fence is out. The sprinklers need repairs unfortunately.
Hoopla is going from 5 to 3 check outs a month. Still refreshes at new month.
Libby is always a good first step!
Voted Best Library of 2026 - 11 years in a row!
Order is in for summer reading shirts for staff, they get one for free. The deadline is FRIDAY MAY 22 for ordering. (How to pay: by check, need it by the 22nd)

Treasurers Report

Taxes for 2025 have been submitted.
Went over the cost of what we spent to put on the gala and how much we made overall.
$3,688 profit from silent auction!
Monthly Income: 33,297.51
Monthly Expenses: 13,717.44
Total acct: 204,628.00

Requests

Request #1

Name: Jennifer Soucy

Funding Amount: $100

What is the funding for? Saving the USS Slater program. This presentation shares the history of USS SLATER and why she was chosen to become the Destroyer Escort Historical Museum. Stories will be shared about the history of Destroyer Escorts, SLATER'S involvement in WWII, her service in the Greek Navy, and her restoration

transforming her into a world class museum. Presented by a SLATER volunteer you will get a first-hand look at the hard work that goes into keeping the “Old Girl” afloat.

Category: Adult Programming Date funding is required: June

*This request would fall under the “Workshop/Program” budget line and has been pre-approved.

Request #2

Name: Jennifer Soucy

Funding Amount: $200

What is the funding for? Mabel & Geffrey’s Music and Family Interest Affair is an interactive musical comedy program featuring improvised songs, character-driven humor, and audience participation. Audience suggestions inspire the music and stories, making each performance completely unique. The program encourages creativity and engagement while providing a lively, participatory experience. This program will be based for adults.

Category: Adult Programming Date funding is required: Oct 2026

*This request would fall under the “Workshop/Program” budget line and has been pre-approved.

Request #3

Name: Jennifer Soucy

Funding Amount: $225

What is the funding for? 50th anniversary stay and make craft Disco Vase

Category: Adult Programming Date funding is required:

*This request would fall under the “50th Anniversary” budget line and has been pre-approved.

Request #4

Name: Jennifer Soucy

Funding Amount: $1000

What is the funding for? Summer Reading Prizes. (2) $500 gift cards to buy the prizes for Summer Reading.

Category: Summer Reading Date funding is required: ASAP

*This request would fall under the “Summer Reading Program” budget line and has been pre-approved.

Request #5

Name: Jennifer Soucy

Funding Amount: $6,570

What is the funding for? Summer Reading Kick Off event & Summer Reading program supplies.

Category: Summer Reading Date funding is required: ASAP

*This request would fall under the “Summer Reading Program” budget line and has been pre-approved.

Request #6

Name: Elissa Valente

Funding Amount: $1,100

What is the funding for? Online museum pass software annual subscription

Category: Circulation Date funding is required: ASAP

*This request would fall under the "Museum Passes” budget line and has been pre-approved.

Website, Facebook, Publicity Newsletter

Newsletter discussed. Website and Facebook running normally.

Book Nook

Book Nook is opening soon! Sign up spots are booking up quickly so grab your days while you can.

Other

Hoffmans car wash tickets were discussed; we get half the money for these specific tickets. We have a new link on the website.

A small book sale at the Summer Kick Off was discussed and what they would include for us.

More author book talks were discussed. Possibly go back to the live author talk program we walked away from (multiple reasons, time zone discrepancies etc). Will get a new quote.

We should all be super proud of all the work everyone did involving the Gala; we made around 20k of our 30k goal.

Comments/Questions

N/A

Adjourned

We adjourned at 7:06pm

Next Meeting

The Next meeting will be held June 9th

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Tori Behrmann