

FRIENDS OF THE STONEHAM LIBRARY

MEETING AGENDA



Location:	Stoneham Room at the Library and Google Meet Link or Dial in (audio only): (US) +1 347-384-7785 PIN: 357 135 204#
Date:	December 9 th , 2023
Time:	12:00pm – 1:30pm
Meeting Organizers:	Caroline Read – President Lindsay Laughlin – Vice President Allison Lane – Secretary Kim Mayers Jacobs – Treasurer Glenda Colon – Director of Events (Elect)

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Call to Order by the President
Review & Approve November Minutes
Review & Approve Financials

Website Updates:

- Re-organized pages and new page created for Meeting Minutes and By-Laws
- Review of member / voting status

Events:

- Books in Bloom Event – April 26 & 27th 2024
- Stoneham 300th Anniversary
- Library movie night and bus stop pantry

Special Town Meeting – 12/11/23

Upcoming Meetings:

- Special Town Meeting to attend and note on ARPA funds: 12/11 @7pm Town Hall
- Books in Bloom with Garden Club: 12/16
- Library Board of Trustees Meeting 12/18 @7pm virtually or Library
- Next FOSL Meeting 1/13/24

Meeting Minutes for Saturday December 9th, 2023:

1. 12:03pm Call to Order. Voting members in attendance:
 - a. Voting members in attendance: Caroline, Lindsay, Allison (in-person)
 - b. Non-Voting Members: Glenda, Tricia, Jeannie, Madeline (in-person) Ann (virtual)
2. Approval of Minutes from 11/12/23:
 - a. Motion to approve: Lindsay; seconded: Allison. Unanimous.
3. Approval of Financial Reports
 - a. Motion to approve: Lindsay; seconded: Allison. Unanimous.
4. Lindsay explained to the group that the Friends website pages have been reorganized to be more interactive and dynamic with tiles and drop-down menus. Also, a new page for all Meeting Minutes and the organization's By-Laws are now all online. Explained the language in the By-Laws about voting rights only apply to Board of Director and Director roles. Because there is no membership model, anyone that shows up to meeting or volunteers, cannot be allotted a vote on regular business because they not have context into the decision making. Therefore, if any member wants to have a voting privilege, they need to ask for and be appointed by the President as a "Director". Madeline spoke up and said the term "Director" sounded somewhat intimidating and asked for a different title to be used. Allison said that we want to eliminate false barriers but the title doesn't really mean anything. Lindsay said the Board would consider the recommendation and come back next meeting with a decision to vote on.
5. Caroline gave an update on the planning for the Books in Bloom event in April which she is meeting regularly with Jeannie, Connie and Ann from the Garden Club. Restaurant letters were sent out last week and they are working on attaining an alcohol license. A communication for donations to local florist is the next step and still searching for a musician. Jeannie said she is looking for an Arborist to speak on the Saturday of the event, which is dedicated to children. If Arborist has a fee, Garden Club will cover. Madeline asked for more of a description of the event. Jeannie said the entire library is filled with flower arrangements, each inspired by books. This year's general theme is secret garden and book list has been provided by Rachel, the Library Director. Glenda asked for the list of books. There are raffles, music, food and other fine arts. All funds raised from ticket sales and raffles go directly to the library. Ann explained that it did make money in the past and people in town loved the event and it is huge awareness for the library.
6. Annual Meeting update. Caroline gave the group a description of what was done in the past and that we are looking for an Author to come and speak. Allison said she could ask her client, Morgan Baker, who recently published a non-fiction book memoir, and likely for free. Madeline asked where she could get her book. Glenda will take this event on as a new event.
7. Stoneham 300th Anniversary update: Jeannie said we should highlight the fact that the library is a Carnegie building. There are 90 in MA, 30 still in existence and only 10 are historic, which Stoneham Library is one of. The town event will have things about the Zoo, Nany Kerrigan. Ann explains that the Historical Society is actively making plans. Glenda suggested we create a committee at next meeting. Trish asked what all the committees were and Lindsay explained they are listed on the website but will provide a list via email or next meeting.
8. New ask from the library is help with a movie night on 12/16. Moving chairs, help with a craft, Glenda asked if we have a calendar of events and Lindsay explained what have planned so far is

on the website. But this new ask is new and as Director of Events, to feel free to create what she deems necessary to keep things organized. Trish and Madeline asked for a list to volunteer. Library asked for \$250 for the Princess character. Motion to approve: Lindsay, seconded: Caroline, unanimous vote.

9. Another new ask from the library is help with a bus stop pantry that will be installed this Spring. They have asked for one volunteer per month to go a wipe it down and ensure no spoiled food is in there. Allision asked why the library wants to have this pantry and aren't there other sources of free food in town. Caroline responded that the churches do but only certain times during the day. Glenda said Stop and Shop might have one. Caroline will organize a volunteer list.
10. Town Meeting on 12/11/23 on Arnold House vote. Allison, Lindsay plan to attend. Jeannie asked if anyone planned to speak for the library. Allison responded that she did and may create a flyer for voters to be informed.
11. Next Meeting at 2nd Saturday of the month which is January 13th, 2024 at 12pm at the Library in the Stoneham Room. A virtual link will also be provided.
12. Adjournment at 1:20pm
 - a. Motion to approve: Jeannie; seconded: Allison. Meeting adjourned.