

Attendees: Anne Geiersbach, Helen McIver, Amy Morrissey, Amy Olsen, Jack Wool.

Meeting was called to Order at 5:06 PM by Diane Szlachetka.

1. September minutes were reviewed and discussion ensued resulting in clarification of said minutes. Helen McIver has made the appropriate amendments which will be filed and noted.
2. October Speaker Series with Ron Stancliff (October 6, 2018) was enjoyed by 8 participants who came from Hyde Park and Stowe. The program lasted 3.5 hours. Per Helen, many participants requested similar programs in future. On this theme Amy Olsen mentioned the Wild Branch Nature Center in Montpelier could assist with topics, Helen McIver mentioned The Hardy Plant Society for Program on mushroom identification and living off the grid. These may be considered for 2019 programs.
3. Treasurer Report was presented by Amy Morrissey. The Friends of LML currently have \$4300 in the bank account. Draft of the 2019 budget is being developed taking into account proposed FLML operating expenses and gifts to LML. To maintain good fiscal security and management of FLML a portion of the monies will be kept in the account for unanticipated emergencies. Additions to the Draft Budget will be maintaining \$500 for library landscape as this is a joint effort with the HP Village Improvement Association . Also, adjusted budget to incorporate additional IT costs - website, domain etc.
4. Library Report by Amy Olsen. The LML board is working on establishing a capitol reserve fund planning outward for the next 30 years. This would help cover unexpected library expenses. She mentioned that the library received a grant from Concept 2 for a topic related program dealing with how to address death with your child. Also, library recently received 1000 free children's books through another Vermont program. Amy presented and reviewed her library "wish list" 2019 - to be considered by the FLML.
5. Speaker Series FLML program options for 2019 were discussed by the group. It was determined that the Library as a whole (FLML + LML combined) are allowed only 2 Vermont Humanities Programs per year. The FLML will host a Humanities program by Nancy M Brown on history the Lewis Chessmen (Origin Scotland). Amy Olsen has a Humanities program for the LML as well. Additional program possibilities include : Orah Moore - photography, Helen to explore this; Harold Cross - Peonies, Helen to explore this; Lamoille County Brewers - Jack Wool to explore this; Tim Profota - Fly Fishing , Diane to explore this; Dan Young - bioenergy/environment, Helen to explore this. John Lewis Graphic Novels - explore by Jack Wool. Timing for the programs will be determined by speaker availability.
6. The First Annual Membership meeting to be held on November 1 at 6 PM will happen. Location will be on the main floor as the upstairs community room is booked that day. A meeting agenda is being formulated to include FLML accomplishments, current activities, future goals and programs, general budget, its relationships with the LML and board (Jack to speak to this) then, ending with a Q&A session. Meeting

will be followed by refreshments and opportunity to socialize and network. The General Meeting is to be warned by posting on the Website, Facebook, Hyde Park Village website, Friends bulletin board, poster in the library and by group email. Of note, there was an executive board meeting held on October 8 to craft the 2019 FLML budget. Diane, Amy M, Helen and Gina were in attendance.

7. Great Scot Gala plans continue to evolve. This is the FLML largest annual fundraiser and, the most labor intensive. Helen printed several posters to be distributed throughout the county - Anne, Diane, Jack . Gala tickets were printed by Helen and are now on sale at the library. Gala announcements are now posted on all our web avenues, and in library. Gala info will be submitted soon for the News&Citizen. Silent Auction baskets are being developing - goal of 30 baskets - Helen coordinating baskets along with Diane. Photos of baskets will be advertised on the web sites. Menu is being developed and portions of menu to be distributed amongst the group and other volunteers. Table rentals arranged by Diane. Amy Olsen has again agreed to pick up and return for us. Linens for the rental tables are opened by the FLML. Additional linens will need to be purchased for the silent auction room as those linens are no longer available to us. Gala specific meeting set for October 30 5 PM at library.
8. Social media/Web Discussion by Anne Geiersbach. She has had a few email interactions with Sam Cubit to clarify the status of our website. This website was developed in 2016-2017 by the volunteer efforts of Sam Cubit. Once the site went live the FLML gave Sam a thank you honorarium of \$100 plus we paid \$75 for the domain registration. Sam was also provided paperwork so he could claim his hours as donation for "in kind labor donation". Sam has told Anne that we are currently hosted by "Go Daddy". She has discovered that our site is not SSL secure and is needed, especially for Wordpress and things like PayPal. Anne is trying to explore securing our website, how to maintain domain registration, consider other options for web hosting, monthly hosting charges, passwords. Per Anne, typical charges are \$8/month for hosting costs and \$15-20/year for domain costs. Discussion by group agreed that we need to update our website once these issues have been sorted. Also, will need to consider whether the FLML really need PayPal - or their 2% fees - to operate efficiently. Diane will reach out to former President Kim Puleio to clarify history with Sam Cubit. Diane will then arrange a tech meeting with Sam, Anne and board members.
9. President goals for the FLML were shared by Diane. Tasks are to develop "worksheets" for each Friends activity - Gala; Community info tables for Ice Cream Social, Spring Fling, Home Day; worksheets for positions of President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Tech position. Also a focus on membership campaign - good target (per Helen) would be 25 paying members/contributors.
10. Other business : Several members agreed that our minutes should be published on our website plus also by a developed link with the LML website. Amy Olsen agreed to help facilitate this. The board of trustees of LML have their minutes posted on the town website.
11. Discussion about FLML bulletin board maintenance was table to a future meeting.

12. Next meetings: Gala Planning - October 30 @ 5 PM in library ***stress attendance for this. And, Business Meeting November 14 @ 5 PM . Both critical meetings before the Gala.

Meeting adjourned by Diane Szlachetka at 7:07 PM