Dear Friends of Scarborough Library:

Most years we hold our annual meeting in October to update you on the Friends activities. But 2020 is unlike most years. We all have had to press pause & “postpone until further notice” many activities: the Emerson lectures planned for April and November, our members’ May luncheon, the June book sale which is our largest fundraiser, the children’s ice cream social and the annual meeting. It has been disappointing. Once it is safe to do so, we will work with the library staff to plan in person events for the community. In the meantime, here is a summary of the Friends activities during my first year as president along with some words of appreciation.

Last October we sponsored a thank-you evening for our hard working volunteers. Membership chair Karen Lavigne termed the gathering “Friends Fest”. In spite of the stormy weather that evening, those who came enjoyed themselves and several new people joined as members.

Our first Emerson lecture took place on November 6th and featured Christopher Timm, curator from Maine Maritime Museum. He spoke to an enthusiastic full house.

Once January rolled around the Board met to clean and organize the book sale space at the library. We packed and transported hundreds of donations to Scarborough Public Works. A huge thank-you to Joyce Clark, co-chair of the book sale for her organizational skills and SPW for their willingness to provide the space to sort, pack and store the thousands of donations. And I can never say thank-you often enough to the members and volunteers who show up Wednesday mornings to sort. Their hard work & dedication make the sale possible. By early March we had sorted close to 10,000 books. These remain stacked and wrapped at SPW in preparation for transport. Much had been accomplished before everything shut down. We will keep you posted regarding the next sale. In the meantime, please be advised that the library cannot accept book donations until further notice.
The Friends Board met regularly through March. Pat Lennox, Treasurer, has kept us informed on the state of our finances. Her annual report follows. We are grateful to Pat for making sure the tax filings were completed on time. Even though we were not able to count any proceeds from the book sale the budget allowed us to cover these annual library donations: $4000 for collections, $500 to the Daisy fund (director’s discretionary monies) and items such as BookPage, museum passes and the summer reading program. In addition, a donation of $10,000 was given for building expansion planning. Because our budget has been well managed in the past we remain in good shape financially. Thank-you to Sue Helms for her past leadership.

Two of our members Ellen Detlefsen & Joyce Clark were voted in as Co-Vice Presidents. We also formed 2 new committees. Linda Broadwater & Sue Winch, our webmaster have begun a review of the Friends webpage with an eye to streamlining. Kim Corthell and Ellen Detlefsen are sorting through and organizing our archives. Mackenzie Crouse, secretary and Karen Lavigne, membership chair continue to put in long hours for the Friends. Current membership is 70. Many people usually renew in June at the book sale and we anticipate an increase in members at the next sale. We voted to change the membership year to **July 1st-June 31st**. In July when the library reopened, several Board members assisted as greeters to patrons.

Publicity chair, Jessica Clough has helped us stay in touch with the community via the media. We are appreciative of the many hours she has given to the Friends and will miss her as she completes her term and steps off the Board. Betty Perry also finished her term. Her many years serving the library on both the Board of Trustees and Friends Board have been a gift to all of us. A big thank-you to both these wonderful people. Joyce Clark is our new liaison to the Board of Trustees. Finally, we are very fortunate to welcome 2 new members onto the Board, Mary Kathryn McHugh and Julie DePersis. Thank-you both for volunteering. Julie has accepted the publicity chair position.

The Friends Board continues to meet via Zoom. We will resume our in person meetings when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, please take advantage of the library and all it has to offer.

October 18th begins National Friends of the Library week. We welcome and appreciate your financial support. It keeps us going and we could never do what we do without you. So some cool, stormy day as you curl up with your chosen book think of all the Friends who are reading along with you. In appreciation for all you do, enjoy a “cuppa” Lemon Lift tea with us.

Hope to see you soon at the library.

Respectfully,

Kathy Markan, President Friends of Scarborough Library
All accounts are at Saco & Biddeford Savings Bank. The account balances as of Aug 31, 2020

CD AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:

CD $35,000  Earning 2.43% interest  matures 1/23/2022  $39325.86
CD $10,045.10  Earning 1.9% interest  matures 10/20/2020  $11018.35
CD $5,000  Earning 1.88% interest  matures 6/6/2021  $5313.88

EMERSON CD’S

$70,000  Earning 2.23% interest  matures 11/13/2020  $72868.71
$32,700  Earning 2.47% interest  matures 9/25/2021  $33888.26
$7,0000  Earned 1.79%  matured 3/25/2020  rolled into checking

Emerson Savings Account interest rate is .10%  $1069.73

TOTALS

CDs and Savings  $163,484.79
Checking Account  $11,268.31
All Accounts  $174,753.10

**We will be using donations and some savings to fund library programs since our major source of revenue, the book sale could not be held this year.***

MEMBERSHIPS     Karen Lavigne, Membership Chair

Individual  32  Family 38  (13 new, 57 renewals)  TOTAL 70
Dues  $1430  Donations $815  TOTAL $2245