

FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019

OFFICERS , DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joann Ambrosini, Lynn Adams, Tony Capalbo, Irene Drugan, Rebecca Florance, Mickey Fraher, Jack LoBianco, Kris Macdonald, Eileen Hershinson, Larry Korducki, Doris Weiss,

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier, Director

CALL TO ORDER: In Dave's absence, Rebecca ran the meeting which was called to order at 5:30pm. Irene moved to accept the minutes from the July meeting. The motion was seconded by Doris and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rebecca reported that we have \$5,076.76. \$4,689.89 in Checking, \$5.26 in Savings, and Cash on Hand \$381.55 Proceeds from the two July book sales was \$1383.20. We made \$382 on Giants Tickets this month.

Rebecca will be issuing a check to the Library soon.

Irene moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Tony seconded it, motion passed.

*This request was later on in the evening but belongs up here in Treasurer's Report. Carol reminded the committee that the Friends are responsible for the cost of the 414 materials purchased in order to get out the vote for our budget vote on this year's ballott. She needs to be reimbursed for purchasing new signs and post cards. The Committee agreed of course.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Carol reported the following:

Summary of Community Conversations:

- Want greater connection to community and more of a Town identity
- Want more places and or a central place to meet other residents

Civic Engagement:

- United Way Backpack Drive until August 20th
- October 19th "Great Give Back" - Pajama Program (sponsored by the MHLA)
- Voter Registration Drive scheduld for Sept. 24th in Library

Outreach:

- September is Library Card Month. Kathy and Carol will be at Stop & Shop September 13th and 20th

Programs:

- September 28th Family Fun Day
- Over 100 people came to the astronomy program

Budget Vote:

- Working on postcard mailing list, road signs and postcards have been ordered and receipts will be submitted to FOBL
- Hoping we can count on the Friends to do some get out the vote calls

Library service to Union Vale:

- Union Vale contract negotiation is not going well. They want to pay half what they have been paying which would equal roughly \$8 per capita, compared to what Beekman residents pay of \$30 per capita.

Collections/Services:

- New telescope kit added to collection.

There were discussions regarding many of the items in the Director's Report such as the idea of a Park in Beekman. The possibility of art exhibits such as the decorative "cow" or "horse" ideas in other communities. We were also very surprised to find out that the "Extended" Rail Tail will be opening up in our town in Sept. No one has heard anything about this????

Carol discussed the problem with Union Vale not wanting to negotiate fairly about payment to the MHLA. She asked that we give her the time necessary to work with other town libraries involved and then we could get involved to help.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale Committee:

Irene announced that the idea of selling our vintage and value items on Ebay was now defunct. It is far too much work. Instead we will continue researching the values on Ebay and make a judgement as to how much to ask for the items. We will tag the items with both our price and the asking price on Ebay. Jack told us about the Rare Book Collection that the Friends of the Danbury Library have. We will gradually get this going.

Joan and Larry have been researching some vinyls that were donated.

The committee thanked Joan and Larry for their featured "50th Anniversary Moon Walk" display at the July Book Sale. As per Joan's request, we gave a little boy the trifold that they had made and he was thrilled.

Rebecca asked that in Dave's absence if each one of us could take a sign and be responsible to put it out and get it back after the book sale. All agreed.

We have way too many cook books and they have spilled out into the non-fiction section and that space is needed so we will have a Flash sale this book sale. All cook books will be BOGO Free.

Irene had a few issues to discuss with the committee, as follows:

- Irene announced that sooner or later she is going to have her knee surgery and it would be helpful if someone would work with her on Mondays from 10-2 learning to sort the books in the back so someone can carry on when she's out.
- She once again asked people to removed the old identifying stickers from empty boxes. When you empty a box before you put it into the back to be reused, please pull off the paper signs that say "Juvenile" or "Fiction", etc.
- She announced that the gentlemen who has donated hundreds of fabulous WWII books is a local historian and he will be lecturing at our Library in August on Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.
- Irene announced that Dave will be back from vacation and he will finish up the featured WWII book display for our Aug. 17th sale.

Membership Committee

In Arlene's absence Kris read her report to the committee. She reported that we have 90 members with 7 renewals coming up this month. Total additional donations from members is \$162. She and Doris had a membership table in front of the library in July. They signed 4 members (2 new and 2 renewals) and took in \$18 in donations.

Raffle Committee: The Summer Fun Basket Raffle made a total of \$137. The August Backpack Raffle is now upstairs and will be raffled off at Aug. 17th book sale. The Committee

is collecting for the Sept/Oct. Football Tailgate raffle.

Giants Raffle Tickets: We made \$603 on tickets for the Giants Raffle sales and \$697 in donations. The winner was present at the drawing and was overjoyed. Thank you Mickey for the donation.

Social Media Committee:

Jack asked the committee permission to "link" our twitter account to other Friends of Libraries twitter accounts in order to network. Everyone agreed completely. On the Bookfinders.com site we have a book sale 45% open rate which is very good. We now have 127 email addresses for future campaigns. August campaign will include information about the collection of the WWII books for sale.

By Laws Committee:

Kris read Arlene's report. A first draft has been completed. We will probably be ready to vote on accepting the new By-Laws at the September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 9th at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, Irene moved to adjourn, seconded by Tony and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6.30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Macdonald
Secretary