

FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018

OFFICERS , DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rebecca Florance, Dave Anderson, Arlene Vaquer, Kris Macdonald, Tony Capalbo, Mickey Fraher, Irene Drugan, Jeannette Simone, Joanne Ambrosini, Lynn Adams, Barbara Rendich, Terry Connors and Xenia Ebel.

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier

CALL TO ORDER: Irene called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

MINUTES: Irene moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting, this was seconded by Jeannette and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There is currently \$3,851.66 in our checking account, \$5.26 in our savings and \$201.09 cash on hand. We made \$982.62 at the July Book Sale. Rebecca explained that we used the Square (credit card app) and made two sales which cost us \$.89. Dave moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Arlene and passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Carol congratulated the Friends because even though our year to date book sales numbers were less than last year we have raised more money over all. It is important to diversify fundraising.

Once again she is working on Grants. She is working on an application for a construction grant to improve lighting. The Board has agreed to pay for 1/2 of the cost of installing more energy efficient lighting. The savings to the Library should come to \$3,000-\$4,000 a year.

Dave said he would look into a program he knows about called the Climate Smart Community. He will research this. The Town may have to approve it.

Carol announced that the Afternoon Movie Program has been great, over 10 people were at the last movie. She told us about a new science program where JoAnn has teens do experiments with kids and it was a big success.

She was happy to let us know that our new Recognition Plaque has been hung upstairs by the front doors.

Thanks to our fundraising, the Library was able to order new shelving.

Carol met with Town Supervisor Mary Cavucci to discuss Town disaster plans. Dutchess County offers disaster planning for people and their homes in case of power failures or extreme weather conditions. Since our Library is there for the community in times of need she would like to do a Planning Workshop with the County. Our Library has been open in times of power failure providing heat and internet.

Union Vale did not agree to the Library contract. They have instead agreed to a 2% increase in the first year and to remain fixed for the next two years. The Libraries involved will now meet. Hopefully there will be some sort of resolution before the end of the year.

Book Sale Committee Report: The next book sale is August 18th. Irene thanked Arlene for arranging for book sale volunteers. Irene spoke about our influx of DVD's and Video Games. Dave will be setting up his "table" for his featured books. Kris has planned to set up a special sale for all her non-fiction kids' books as she has too many to store and they don't sell quickly. The sale will be a onetime only sale at 10 cents a book. Rebecca will do the same with this

sale for her juvenile section hard-cover non-fiction in Sept. We will advertise on Face Book, etc. especially for teachers (once again telling them about our 20% discount). Joanne volunteered to ask her daughter, Dana Brown, who is the Director of ELA and Social Studies for the Arlington School District to get our book sale information out to area teachers. Our new member Xenia asked if we should consider holding book sales at other times. We explained that we hold a meeting in Jan/Feb to discuss the upcoming book sale committee and it could be discussed then.

Membership Committee: Arlene signed up 3 new members at the table set up outside the Library. There was a discussion as to how to get more Friends. It was decided that we would host a wine and cheese get together sometime in early 2019. Barbara Rendich was asked to Chair a committee for this event, Tony and Mickey volunteered to help.

Social Media/Advertising Committee: Arlene announced that she, Kris and Jack met to discuss our current Face Book and to add Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram. We learned quite a bit and will have Jack speak with us at our next meeting to explain to all how it works.

Raffle Committee: It was announced that we raised \$789.59 for the donated Pre-Season Giants v Patriots game at both Stop & Shop and Shoprite last Sunday. The drawing will be held at the Aug 18th book sale. Also selling raffle tickets for the Back to School Backpack currently upstairs and will draw the winning ticket on the 18th as well.

Vendor Fair: The Early Christmas Vendor Fair will be held on Sunday, Nov. 4th this year. Kris will begin sending out information to last year's vendors (some of whom have already reached out to us)

OLD BUSINESS:

Carol volunteered to set up and organize the "BoonSupply.com" fundraiser to begin in September and run until December or until we reach our goal. We will post this fundraiser on social media, ask our members to spread the word via their email friends and post signs at the next book sale.

NEW BUSINESS:

At this time in the meeting Irene announced that she had personally spoken with Janet Scaraville at Shoprite while selling raffle tickets about her Board status. Janet agreed to be taken off as a voting member of the board effective immediately. She is working full time now and is also extremely busy with her family. It was decided to "table" any discussion regarding this opening for a Director. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

There being no further business, Tony moved to adjourn, seconded by Irene and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, Sept. 4th at 5:15 downstairs.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Macdonald
Secretary