

FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY, FEB. 6, 2017

OFFICERS , DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Anderson, Irene Drugin, Rebecca Florance, Kris Macdonald, Arlene Vaquer, Marge Schwinn, Janet Scaraville, Jane Straub, Lynn Adams and Mickey Fraher.

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier, Director

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

Rebecca moved to accept the minutes from the January meeting, seconded by Irene and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rebecca reported that there was no income in the month of January. We made a donation in honor of Carol's Mom to the Dutchess Co. SPCA. Carol thanked us for the donation. Sales tax would be paid in March for the months of Dec., Jan., and Feb. Also this year we will file federal income taxes at year end. Dave moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mickey and passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Carol reminded us about the upcoming Library Board of Directors Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, Feb. 26th at 2pm. She urged that we come, we will be presenting a check to the Board from last year and there will be refreshments. Kris said she would send an email to all our current members to invite them. Carol offered to make the big check and we said OK!

Carol told us about a very successful event this past Saturday - "Take Your Child to the Library". Miss JoAnn got authors to come to read their books to the children. There was face painting and crafts by teen volunteers. Everyone had a great time.

Carol said that thanks in part to our hard work raising money she is currently getting quotes for new book cases for the Library.

Carol gave us a presentation of the new Library website. She showed us how it links to our "Friends" page and how we need to utilize this new site. It can be linked to our page which is on their website and it can be linked to our Facebook page. We need to get people to check it out and not only visit and "like" our FB page but share it to spread it around. Just go to www.beekmanlibrary.org/friends/. Carol said we can have her add anything we want like events, meetings, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale Committee Report: Report tabled until March meeting. Book Committee meeting after this board meeting.

Membership Committee: We will be adding our logo to the new Membership Cards but need to have Maria DiSalvo fix the address since we no longer have a P.O. box. Kris is doing this. We would like to have new membership cards for the April craft fair membership table. Kris has also changed our gift certificates adding the logo.

Arlene has volunteered to work on the membership renewals beginning with memberships expiring in April. She will be contacting them to ask them to renew. We spoke about the possibility of doing this via email and using a Pay Pal account for renewal fees.

Raffle Committee: Kris suggested raffle ideas for the Book Sales each month. Rebecca

moved to go forward with raffles suggested and it was seconded by Mickey and passed.

Candy Sales Committee: Library is currently selling pops for Valentine's Day, the next sale will be for Easter and then not again until Halloween.

Social Media Committee: Kris will be "boosting" the craft fair event within the next few weeks. We have never paid for publishing an event but feel it will be beneficial. We need to ask the "likes" on our FB page to actually share our page with the FB friends to increase our visibility.

Craft Fair Committee: Kris is pleased to announce that we have about 30 vendors interested this year and 9 have paid already.

OLD BUSINESS: With regard to our "old books" - Mickey reported that out of all the assisted living facilities she contacted, two responded saying no thanks. We will see what Tony's Condo library wants in the way of books or help. Dave has had no luck either. Time to get rid of the books.

Dave contacted St Kateri's and there are students in need of service hours if we need them. Rebecca will look into opening a Pay Pal account for our sales. Dave will check out Square. Dave will write up a little speech for the Library Board meeting in Feb. Kris will email members to invite them.

NEW BUSINESS: The Friends need to set an Annual Meeting Date. The Annual Meeting is held to elect any expired director's seats or board member's seats. After a discussion, Dave moved to postpone the annual meeting until 2018 with the understanding that there was no need for an annual meeting due to no officer vacancies yet. Seconded by Kris and passed unanimously.

It was decided that the next two meetings would be held at 5:00 pm on March 6th and April 3rd.

There being no further business, Dave moved to adjourn, seconded by Marge. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Macdonald
Secretary