

FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY, JAN. 9, 2017

OFFICERS , DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Anderson, Eileen Cunningham, Kris Macdonald, Marge Schwinn, Irene Drugan, Janet Scaraville, and Mickey Fraher.

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier, Director

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm.

Eileen moved to accept the minutes from the Dec. meeting, seconded by Janet and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Irene read a letter from Rebecca as well as the Treasurer's Report in Rebecca's absence. It was reported that in December 2016 we made a donation to the Library in the amount of \$13,300.00. Rebecca reported that our income was up in the following areas as follows:

Book Sales were up 63%

Candy and Holiday Cookies Sales combined was 12% of our income

Chocolate Lollipops up 42%

Cookies up 67%

The balance of our income, 25%, came from donations, the vendor fair and craft fair, raffles and membership dues. It was a good year.

Our total balance effective to date is \$1,219.66

Mickey moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as given, seconded by Marge and passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Carol announced that the Beekman Library Board Annual Meeting would be held on Sunday, Feb. 26th at 2 pm. She asked that we all attend.

There would be a report given by Dave Anderson at this meeting.

Carol also suggested that we become interactive with library programs. Programs are meeting the needs of our community. We have childrens' programs and are introducing a new "Early Literacy" program for newborns and mommies. These are important programs because they bring the community together.

Carol told us that Kathy Riley has been involved with our senior community down at the Beekman Rec. Kathy goes and helps the seniors learning how to better use their cell phones and any other tech problems they may have.

Carol told us that the Library got money from Senator Murphy for our Robotics program. She has also applied for a grant to pay for personnell and expenses incurred in training and working with our teens who are volunteering.

Dave asked Carol if the budget issues at the Town will affect our budget. Carol explained that we are protected by 414 tax levy our budget of \$380,000 cannot be touched.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale Committee Report: Rebecca reported in her Treasurer's Report that selling books at the Holiday Cookie was fairly successful. No fiction sold but the children's books as well as the Christmas music cd's sold.

We all discussed what to do with our older than 2,000 fiction books that need to be discarded? Kris has contact all B & B's in the Hudson Valley but they are not interested.

Jamey Patterson is going to take children's books to high school for her daughter for the Poughkeepsie School District. Dave will follow up on military and Mickey will contact nursing homes in our area.

It was decided that the Book Committee will have a meeting following our February meeting.

Membership Committee: No report.

Raffle Committee: No report

Christmas Cookie Committee: The cookie sale was a tremendous success! Eileen ask that we "thank" our bakers and helpers on our social media, i.e., facebook, the website and the Library website and newsletter. Kris would follow up on this. Rebecca mentioned in her letter that next year we should ask for "gluten-free" cookies as they were looked for this year. We also packed up some cookies that were delivered late as a box of same kind of cookies and that was a success. We should perhaps do that again next year. She suggested that having the books and music cd's there for sale was slightly successful but that next year we could do more advertising on our social media.

Social Media Committee: Kris thanked Arlene for updating events and posts on the Facebook page, it's a help to have someone else post things.

Craft Fair Committee: The date for the Springtime Craft Fair was selected - it will be held on Sunday, April 2, 2017. Kris will now begin contacting crafters.

OLD BUSINESS: Once again we need to look into using some sort of credit card device at our books sales. Dave will look into Squire. Dave will look into volunteers from St. Kateri for community hours.

Please note that the Annual Meeting of the Beekman Library Board of Directors will be held on Feb. 26th at 2pm. Friends are requested to attend if they can.

NEW BUSINESS: It was decided that we would meet in the evenings every other month because our Treasurer Rebecca is now working full time and it's important for her to attend our meetings. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, February 6th at 5:00 pm upstairs. There will be a quick Membership meeting at 4:30 pm and a Book Committee Meeting following the meeting.

There being no further business, Dave moved to adjourn, seconded by Eileen. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Macdonald
Secretary