

**FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019**

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joann Ambrosini, Dave Anderson, Tony Capalbo, Irene Drugan, Rebecca Florance, Mickey Fraher, Jack LoBianco, Kris Macdonald, Barbara Rendich, Jeanette Simone, Arlene Vaquer, Jerry Balcom, Eileen Hershinson, Larry Korducki, Joan Korducki, Linda Jacobs and Denise Dini.

STAFF PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm. Irene moved to accept the minutes, from the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Barbara and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rebecca reported that we have \$11,224.01 in Checking, \$5.26 in Savings, and Cash on Hand \$265.25. Proceeds from the two June book sales was \$1,911.90. We made \$201 on Giants Raffle sales so far.

Rebecca is issuing a check to the Library in the amount of \$9,000.00.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: In Carol's absence, the following report was read to the committee:

- We completed the Community Conversations and there were some familiar themes. We will be conducting a few one on one conversations with key stakeholders as part of this process and should wrap up this part of the long range plan by the end of July.
- We are so pleased that State Senator Harckham has awarded us \$13,895 in bullet aid this year. This was a pleasant surprise.
- We also received \$800 from MHLS for an outreach grant.
- The Summer Reading Kick-off took place last week with over 140 people in attendance.
- In response to a major concern that was raised during the community conversations we have introduced a new service called Burbio. It is a service that aggregates local organizations event calendars into one feed. This allows users to sign-up for Burbio, type in a zip code and select which calendars they want to follow. Many people feel they miss out on events because they need to go to multiple websites to find out what's going on around town.

Dave spoke about going to one of the focus groups. A common theme was a generated calendar of events.

Arlene said she was amazed at how fast Carol created Burbio.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale Committee:

Irene announced that both Lynn Brickman (member of the Library Board and a teacher with BOCES) and Jerry Miller (also a teacher) have volunteered to start looking up the "value" books which may or may not be put up for sale on an Ebay account yet to be started up. Irene explained how very tedious this process is. Lynn and Jerry would be happy to have others volunteer to help.

Irene announced that Thursday evening sales are doing well.

She also reported that as we did last year, we gave Miss JoAnn 16 gift certificates to put into her raffle for her Summer Reading program. The gift certificates are valued at \$2 each. Not all are chosen in the raffle drawing. Jack gave us an Amazon update. He provided Irene with a master list. He will update us at each meeting with a working spread sheet. He gave us a check for \$191.16 representing our 50% of the Amazon sales for March 24th through June 24th. Since Sept. we have received checks in the amount of \$240, \$328, and \$197. We thanked Jack for his work on this project and Dave said it was a "win win" for us.

Rebecca announced that she was making new "book donations requested" signs because they all got very wet and can no longer be read.

Membership Committee: Arlene reported that we currently have 84 members with \$102 in donations. She plans to set up a membership table up outside the Library front doors on July 11th at 10am. She asked for volunteers and Barbara and Doris volunteered to be there with her.

Raffle Committee: The brief Hudson Valley Renegades raffle made \$36. The huge summer fun basket is

upstairs for ticket sales and the winning ticket will be drawn on July 20th at the book sale. We're collecting items for the August "Back Pack" raffle.

Giants Raffle Tickets: Irene and Dave sold \$201 in raffle tickets with an additional \$341 in donations at Shoprite. Everyone was amazed. Mickey explained the donation of the Giant's Tix for the benefit of our new members. We are all set to sell these pre-season ticket raffle tickets at Stop and Shop on Sunday, July 14th from 10-2.

Social Media Committee: There was a discussion about BookFinders.com and what can be put up on the site. Arlene explained that too many words messes up the ad. We need to keep it brief. Jack suggested that the language in the ad be about "many donations keep our inventory refreshed". Arlene volunteered to take over the Mail.chimp for the time being.

Vendor Fair Committee

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Joann announced that the Holiday Cookie Sale will be Saturday, Dec. 14th. Dec. 11th and 12th will be collection dates. Dave volunteered to purchase chocolate kisses and Irene will purchase candy canes.

Under new business also Arlene reported that when Irene resigned as Vice Pres. there was nothing in the bylaws to cover board vacancies. Arlene explained that we need to update the Bylaws which will require a 2/3 vote of all directors. She is doing research on other Librarys' Bylaws. She will need a committee to meet in order to do a bylaws update.

Along those lines, Irene asked what to do in general about working members and especially directors who don't show up to meetings or come in to work. Arlene said this will be addressed.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 5th.

There being no further business, Dave moved to adjourn, seconded by Jeanette and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6.45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Macdonald
Secretary