

FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017

OFFICERS , DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Anderson, Tony Capalbo, Eileen Cunningham, Irene Drugan, Rebcca Florance, Jeanette Simone, Kris Macdonald, Janet Scaraville, Marge Schwinn, and Mickey Fraher

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier, Director

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

Dave moved to accept the minutes from the June meeting, seconded by Tony and passed unanimously.

*Before any reports and while we were waiting for a few members to arrive, Eileen announced that the Patterson Library will be holding their book sale for two days. Sept. 16th & 17th and again Sept. 23rd & 24th. She is going to contact someone about getting some books as they dump what's left over.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rebecca reported that we have a balance of \$7,139.28 in checking and \$701.10 in savings and \$128.46 cash on hand which is held aside for start up monies for raffle sales and/or membership tables. The savings account is a holding account for escrowed sales tax monies and for 414 funds. The June Book Sale made \$1,140.45

At the conclusion of the Treasurer's Report, Rebecca moved to turn over \$6,100.00 to the Library from our checking account. This was seconded by Dave and passed unanimously. Kris moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mickey and the motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Carol reported that the Mid-Hudson Library on Market Street in Poughkeepsie will be hosting a panel discussion for "Friends" on October 5th. The discussion will be on fund-raising. She will forward the information to Kris and then Kris will forward to Members.

The Summer Reading Programs are up and running.

The Library Board was audited. It went very well.

Carol announced that we have a new Board Member, Karen Madden. Karen is also an artist who has shown her work here at the library.

The Library Board has formed a committee to start looking at expansion into the basement.

Carol reported that once again this year we received a grant of \$2500 from Senator Murphy to use towards computers.

The Library will have a booth at Beekman Rec Day on Saturday, July 22nd. Petitions will be there for signatures. We are up to 380 signatures.

Carol told us that the Battle of the Books is going strong.

Book Sale Committee Report: Dave spoke about how the Treasurer's Report now indicates # of customers. This info is now available because of the new register. It will show us the number of customers from year to date and year to year.

There was a discussion about lowering the prices of the DVD's and Music CD's. It was agreed not to lower prices at this time. Dave is concerned about the current trend of Netflix Streaming, etc. and that we will end up with an overstock. Dave agreed to go through the DVD's and mark some of them down to \$1.00.

Rebecca discussed an overage of Juvenile books. She is going to move some of her hard cover

books to the Bargain Bins. Irene explained the "color dots" on the Bargain Books. There has been some confusion as to when and what to throw out.

It was decided to reduce the price of the Juv hard cover books to \$1 unless otherwise marked. Special high value hard cover books will be \$2 and Paperbacks will be \$1.

Kris asked to reduce the Children's hard cover books to 50 cents (unless otherwise marked, i.e., the Special Books) because we have an overage of hard covers and they are not moving. All agreed.

We will be doing a Book Donation Day on July 29th from 10-2. Dave has two able bodied teens coming to help carry boxes of books for us. Kris will do the cash register as Rebecca will not be there that day.

Membership Committee: Arlene sent Kris a report because she could not attend. We have 59 new members (this includes 3 new members from June). In July we had 9 renewals. Arlene will be at a membership table this coming week for a morning children's reading program.

Raffle Committee: Tony gave a committee report. "Summer Fun" Raffle to be drawn on the 22nd at our book sale is selling like crazy upstairs. Giants Tickets Raffles are selling also at the front desk. We will be selling these tickets at Stop and Shop and Shoprite next week. August will be our "Backpack" Raffle. We have two gift certificates pledged from Embrace Image Photography and Soul on Fire but would like more. Mickey and Tony suggested a "Hair cut" place and perhaps the Music Store up on 55. Sept will be the Football/Tailgate Raffle again. Kris ordered a football bag similar to the summer fun bag for this raffle. Beverage Barn has once again said they would donate beer. We have a bottle of wine from Cheers Wine. We need to get a pizza and a sandwich gift certificate. Our last raffle will be in October and it will be a "Christmas Wrap" Raffle Bag. Kris ordered a bag and we will fill it with tape, paper, bows, tags, etc.

It was decided that our next two meetings will be held on August 7th and Sept. 11th at 5 pm.

There being no further business, Dave moved to adjourn the meeting and Irene seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Macdonald
Secretary