

**FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018**

OFFICERS , DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rebecca Florance, Arlene Vaquer, Kris Macdonald, Tony Capalbo, Terry Connors, Irene

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier

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

MINUTES:

Tony moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting, this was seconded by Mickey and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rebecca reported that we gave the Library \$7,000.00 which was not cashed until July 6th, so our balances today don't reflect the deduction. There is currently \$8,700.36 in our checking account, \$5.26 in our savings and \$214.55 cash on hand. We made \$1,046.15 at the June Book Sale. Yankee Tix raffle made \$1975.16 and the Italian Basket made \$134.00. Irene asked for a breakdown of the expenses to date of \$2,038.97. There was a discussion and we were able to account for the expenses. Irene would like to have some sort of accounting for the raffle baskets indicating what the expenses are for each basket as compared to the income for each. Kris does this and is happy to share annually the Income and Expense summaries for the year's raffle baskets.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Carol wanted to make us aware that at this point in time Union Vale has not signed the contract we sent them in May. On July 19th there will be a Union Vale Town Meeting at which time the Contract with Beekman Library will be on the Agenda. Union Vale pays approx. \$76,000 to Mid-Hudson Library and then that amount is divided up between the 4 library districts that Union Vale uses. Carol explained that it is important that Union Vale residents attend this meeting and urge the signing of this contract. Carol will send Kris a statement to be put onto our FOBL Face Book page.

Carol is very excited about the new "drop box" for books in the back parking lot. Now patrons can drive up and just drop books in, it's a good thing for Moms with carloads of kids.

We discussed the request that Dave had at the last meeting for some sort of key pad or access to the Library after hours. Carol spoke to the Board and at this time the Board is sticking to the current policy which is that there always must be an employee present when someone is using the library facilities. They are willing to re-address this issue if it becomes necessary.

Carol announced that the summer reading programs are going very well. The "Rock the States", our children's program is a big success. Kids get a passport and need to read a book concerning each state to win.

We have a new staff member, Thelma Claudio.

Book Sale Committee Report:

Irene announced that the Bulletin Board for patron requests has been very successful in that many patrons are putting requests up on the board however we don't have the books but we'll keep looking.

She asked volunteers to look for more of the "PBS Great Read" books before the next book as many sold last month and should be replaced if we have them.

We have new book shelves ready for books, glued and attached to the walls for security for Vintage, Classics, Cookbooks and Self Help. Shelves were purchased for \$10 each.

We will continue the Beach Reads as our feature for this month. Next month is Dave's choice - "What I never learned in School". Irene will check with Dave to see if he is still planning to do it for August.

Jack suggested to Arlene that we sign up for "booksalefinders.com" and she signed us up. It's a free site and should bring us more shoppers.

Joann suggested that we have so many history books that we should have buy one get one free to make some space. After a discussion it was decided that since we recently received donation of many beautiful "Civil War" books that perhaps we feature that at one of our sales.

Jack will take care of this,

Membership Committee:

Arlene reported that we have 60 members, with 6 renewals. She is also having a Membership Table outside the Library on the following mornings: July 31st from 10-12, August 7th and 14th from 10-12 and she could use some volunteers. Please get in touch with her. Kris will send an email to remind members.

Social Media Committee:

Jack explained to our committee that we need to get up with the times.....we need to do twitter and instagram, he's absolutely right but no one knows how to do it? So

Kris made a motion to have Jack start a twitter and instagram account on behalf of the Friends. Arlene seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Raffle Committee:

Irene reported that currently the "Summer Fun Basket" is upstairs and will be drawn on July 21st. Also being drawn on July 21 will be the first of the Pre-Season Giants Tix for the Giants v the Browns game on Aug 9. Then immediately we will start to sell the Pre-Season Giants vs the Jets, Aug 24th Game tickets which will be raffled off on August 11th. Both Stop and Shop and Shoprite are booked for Sunday, Aug. 5th from 10-2 to sell Giants Tickets raffles.

OLD BUSINESS:

We went on record to thank Barbara for a great job on the Recognition Plaque Reception, it was great and everyone had a good time.

Under old business we discussed the idea of fundraising with Boonsupply.com where the FOBL would get 50% of net proceeds for all purchases during our goal period. Carol thinks this is a good idea. Kris had given out flyers to members at the last meeting asking all to visit the site and decide if this was a good shopping site. The majority of members who visited the site said "Yes". Kris will get more information and we will make a decision at the next meeting as to when we should do this for what period of time, etc. It was discussed that we need time to do this correctly and it should be one in the Fall for Christmas shopping.

The question of fundraising through Amazon came up and it was pointed out that the Library already does this. When you shop on Amazon.com go to www.smile/Amazon.com.

Mickey said Sabelicos is going to order the new flower urns for out front of the library when they place their next order perhaps in November. The shipping is extremely expensive for these cement urns so we'll wait. Mickey said the urns were approx. \$120 each.

We briefly discuss the fundraising idea of the Travel Agent going to France and giving us \$200 a person if we sign anyone up??? This was not something any of the FOBL members wanted to do.

NEW BUSINESS:

There being no further business, Joann moved to adjourn, seconded by Rebecca and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm

The next meeting will be held on August 6th at 5:15 downstairs.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Macdonald
Secretary