

**FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018**

**OFFICERS , DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rebecca Florance, Dave Anderson, Arlene Vaquer, Kris Macdonald, Tony Capalbo, , Jeanette Simone, Lynn Adams, Barbara Rendich, Terry Connors, Irene Drugan, Mickey Fraher and Joann Ambrosini

**STAFF PRESENT:** Carol Fortier

**CALL TO ORDER:** Irene called the meeting to order at 5:17 pm.

Irene moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting as corrected, this was seconded by Arlene and passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rebecca reported that there is currently \$7,731.82 in our checking account, \$5.26 in our savings and \$169.87 cash on hand. We made \$1,078.74 at the May Book Sale.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Carol was sorry for missing our last meeting, however she was accepting a grant for the library. She received \$800 towards the Library's summer performances. The library already had one performance - the Drum Circle and Pluck and Rail will be performing in August. We received a Dutchess Co. Library grant of \$5,000 and Miss JoAnn received a grant for \$500.00. Having heard that there was State money available, Carol requested funds from State Senator Murphy. We requested \$11,000 for energy efficient lighting but received only \$2500.00. We also requested \$3500 from State Assemblyman Laylor for a 3-D printer for the Library. She has not heard back.

Carol announced that Weight Watchers has added a second meeting which will give us extra income. The two meetings will be held on Thursday mornings.

The Annual Audit for the Library was done and we were given an unqualified opinion, which is a good thing.

One opening on the Library Board was filled. Carol was very pleased that Linda Jacobs will be filling the vacancy. There is still one vacancy available.

Community Day will be July 21st this year. Carol asked if she could sell our Pre-Season "Giants Tix" raffles. Of course!

The Library has now extended our DVD's to a 3 week rental period. This is not for the new DVDs.

At this time, Dave wished to discuss the "Friends" having access to the alarm keypad in order to get to the basement. There are times when the Library is closed and volunteers need access or wish to work downstairs. Carol will inquire how much it will cost to get a keypad in the basement. She will work this out with Dave.

**Book Sale Committee Report:**

Irene reported that we have tons of donated books. Our Beach Reads will be displayed for the next two months. The committee decided that the "word" for June would be BEACH. Irene said since we have too many boxes, whoever does the garbage should pay attention to "throw away" boxes. The new bulletin board with requests from patrons is a success.

Rebecca did not keep notes this past sale but she did notice that after 1:00 pm we are very slow. Rebecca raised the question about the Teacher's 20% discount. Since Barbara's letter to the local schools, we had a number of new teachers. Unfortunately this discount is sometimes misused. Our intent was to give teachers who are purchasing books for the classrooms a discount and some teachers also purchase books for their own personal use. There was a discussion and it was decided that although some patrons might abuse this discount it's better to let it go. We will however put up a sign that reads, "Teachers must present credentials at the time of purchase in order to qualify for the 20% discount." Lynn had a good idea. PBS TV is doing the "Great American Read" and we should join in somehow just for fun! It was decided to collect some of the books that we have from the list. We will give the patrons the link where they can vote on their favorite Great American Read or Dave will have his Fire Kindle set up at the display.

**Membership Committee:**

Arlene reported that we have 61 members, a new record for us. We have 9 new members from the flyer distribution at Dalton Farm.

**Social Media Committee:**

Kris and Arlene are pretty much keeping up daily with posts on the Face Book page. Dave suggested that perhaps with today's demographics we should be on Instagram or Twitter. This was discussed and put aside for now. We don't have enough volunteers willing to do this.

**Raffle Committee**

The Yankee Ticket Raffle is going extremely well, a total of \$1735.16 has been collected to date. The drawing is June 16th at the book sale.

The "Italian" gift raffle basket is upstairs and the "Summer Fun" basket is ready to be raffled. We received a very generous gift certificate from the Raising Angels Horse Farm and Agriculture for 5 one hour lessons, a value of \$275.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Barbara gave us a report on the upcoming Recognition Plaque Reception to be held on Sunday, June 10th at 2:00 pm in the Community Room. She asked that some volunteers arrive at 12:30 to help set up. Kris asked for photos for a display and she asked that members give Dave some memories about our inductees for his speech. Barbara confirmed what each member volunteered to donate.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mickey, a member of the Beekman Library Garden Club requested that the "Friends" purchase new cement planters for in front of the building. The containers that are there now are plastic and will need to be replaced. Purchasing new cement containers would cost approx. \$150 each at least.

Kris moved to allocate up to \$300 to purchase two new cement planters. This motion was seconded by Irene and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Irene moved to adjourn, seconded by Arlene. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm

The next meeting will be held on July 9th at 5:15 downstairs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Macdonald  
Secretary