

FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

OFFICERS , DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Adams, Joann Ambrosini, Jerry Balcom, Irene Drugan, Sarah Drugan, Rebecca Florance, Kris Macdonald, Arlene Vaquer, and Doris Weiss

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:25 pm.

Treasurer's Report:

As of Feb. 28, 2019 there was \$3,104.79 in our checking account, \$10.26 in our savings and \$171.40 cash on hand. Income for the month was \$702.00.

Miss JoAnn requested \$50 from the Friends towards the Donation/Fee for the Battle of the Books Event. This was discussed and everyone agreed it was a good cause.

Director's Report:

Carol thanked the members of the Friends who came to the Library Annual Board meeting.... Carol reported that Gov. Cuomo has cut funding for libraries in his proposed budget. The State Senate and Assembly will try to put these funds back into the budget...Carol suggested that we go online to contact our State Senator and State Assemblyman to get their support to try to get this funding back into the State budget. In addition, State Senator Harkham will have office hours at Beekman Library on March 13th from 11 am to 2 pm. This is an opportunity to let the Senator know how we feel about library funding.

Carol reported that we will be putting information about our Library into the Kindergarten packets sent to new Kindergarten students for the Fall.

Carol wanted us to be aware that there is a Friends' Section of the New York Library Association (NYLA). NYLA has an annual conference in November. This year it will be in Saratoga. She handed out packages from NYLA where Friends members can apply for a scholarship for the conference expenses up to \$500.

The Library will be working on a new program to gather information from residents about their hopes and concern for their community. They are called Community Conversations. They will be held in various locations around town. The conversations are community, not library related. All members of the Friends are invited to attend one conversation. More information to follow.

Book Sale Committee Report:

Irene explained that since Jack and Justin cannot scan the books for value before shelving, we are putting large colored dots on the spines of the books. This way Jack can browse the shelves and spot the books, scan them and then remove the dots.

She asked that if you're weeding out old books don't put them into the garbage or recycle. Put them instead into the box in the back (by sorting) for Jerry.

Irene also requested that no one put any books into the Manga section. Put them into her teens box in the back by sorting.

This coming Tuesday, workers need to finish the Fiction Hard Cover and the Non-Fiction in the back needs to be reshelfed. We only have 3 Tuesdays left before the first sale.

It was decided to lower the prices of the DVD's and the music cd's. The DVD's will now be \$1

each or 3 for \$2.00 Multi Sets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Music cd's will now be 50 cents each or 3 for \$1.

Rebecca asked for someone to take over the Juvenile section as she's not able to be there as much as she needs to be. Arlene volunteered to do the Juvenile section as all she is currently responsible for are the boxed authors. Rebecca said she is leaving prices on hard cover books alone for now but at the end of the season if they haven't moved, she'll reduce prices.

We discussed and agreed to the changes on the featured books by months. April will now feature Art books, May will feature Travel and Dave's Back to School section will be featured in August.

Irene suggested that if you have a committee report to be made and you cannot be at the meeting it would be great if you could email a report to us so that someone could ready your report at the meeting.

Jerry (who hates to throw away books) has now moved out about 40-45 boxes. 25 more or less went to the Salvation Army and Good Will but Good Will now has a moratorium on donations for awhile. The VVA boxes are ready to go, he has books boxed up for the VA at Castle Point and also books for Grace Smith House in Poughkeepsie. The church in his home town up in the Catskills takes books for homeschooling programs.

Jerry will follow up on the Veterans Newsletter to make sure our 20% discount info gets published. Everyone was grateful for his hard work.

Arlene will follow up with Barbara to ask her to send 20% teacher discount flyers to local schools.

We discussed a program Kris has suggested we do with Miss JoAnn and Anne Marie in the Library's Children's dept. Miss JoAnn and Anne Marie will give children raffle tickets to win a free book from our Children's Section at the book sale. Giving out the tickets is totally up to their discretion. Whenever they have a group of kids they can do it or at school programs or just weekly. It may be a good way to get parents to come to the book sales and see all we have to offer.

Membership Committee:

Arlene reported that we now have 73 members. She has printed more "Friends" membership forms to be given out at book sales. She explained to new members that in the nice weather she sets up a table outside the library to try to solicit new members. She could use help at these tables. She is also updating the Friends' Tri Fold display with new photos and will have a member ship table at our upcoming Craft Fair in April.

Social Media/Advertising Committee:

Kris explained that we would be posting our Craft Fair on all of our social media. She will also once again boost the ad on Facebook for two weeks before the fair.

Candy Sales Committee:

Snowman pops are being sold currently. Easter Pops will be ready the last week in March. Easter is April 22nd.

Raffle Committee:

Caryn Presti and Doris Weiss have agreed to work with Tony, Mickey and Jane to do our monthly raffle baskets. We have already purchased items for April and May and we have a \$50 gift card from Adams Fairacres Farms and a \$25 gift card from Sabellios.

Craft Fair Committee:

The Fair is going very well again this year. Many crafters are returning and we have some new crafters. We have confirmations for 26 tables and 20 are paid. We increased the price for the table fee to \$5 and that should increase our profit substantially. All crafters are donating raffles.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Arlene asked for volunteers to bake cookies for our first book sale to thank our patrons for their support last year. Rebecca is making a large Thank you sign announcing our donation last year of \$17,840 and what the Library was able to do with the monies.

Also under new business, Jerry shared that he is on the the mailing list from the Boardman Library Friends and they have great ideas.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 1st at 5:30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned t 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Macdonald
Secretary