

FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY, , MARCH 6, 2017

OFFICERS , DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Irene Drugan, Rebecca Florance, Kris Macdonald, Eileen Cunningham, Arlene Vaquer, Tony Capalbo, Marge Schwinn, Lynn Adams, Jamie Pratt and Mickey Fraher.

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier, Director

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

Eileen moved to accept the minutes from the February meeting, seconded by Mickey and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rebecca reported that we have a balance of \$1,183.02 and \$5 in savings. Income from February was \$740 from Craft Fair deposits and \$75 Candy sales. She also reported that we purchased a Kindle tablet for the use of the FOBL book sales; and we will also be using this Kindle for credit card use. Kris moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Tony and passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT Carol was approached by a Mom who is a patron and scout leader. She asked if the girls could have a bake sale at our April book sale to benefit the Maria Farreri Medical Center. Everyone agreed that it would be fine. It was however pointed out that it is not allowed for scouts to raise money for any charity other than the scouts. Carol would discuss this with the scout Mom.

Carol gave us a huge adorable bunny to raffle off for Easter at the front desk. Mickey and Tony will buy an already filled Easter basket to go with it. The drawing will be on April 2nd at our Craft Fair.

Carol spoke about the proposed Sprint Cell Tower the Town is voting on which would be large and placed about 150 feet from our building between our parking lot and the soccer fields' parking lot. She asked for our support to oppose this monstrosity and to work actively to oppose it. The Town will be voting on the "temporary" tower on March 15 at 7pm. We need to contact the board to tell them that we oppose this and get people to attend the meeting to oppose it.

Carol told the group that the Annual Board Meeting of the Library was lovely and once again thanked us for the large donaton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale Committee Report: Kris read the book committee notes from our meeting on Feb. 6th. All the members were asked to come in and help over the next few weeks since our first sale is coming up on April 22nd. Arlene handed out a schedule of which members were in charge of which areas downstairs. Some members volunteered to take on more sections. Mickey said before we throw books away she has found two places that can take some. She will call them to see exactly how many they can handle. One place is The Barn up i Poughkeepsie and the other is a thrift store that went into the old K-Mart up on Rte 44.

Membership Committee: Arlene would like to have a membership table at each book sale. She is currently notifying expiring memberships to renew.

Raffle Committee: Mickey and Tony are busy getting items for our "Mother's Day" raffle

basket for the April 22nd book sale. We already have a Spa gift certificate for a massage.

Candy Sales Committee: Kris is making pops for Easter.

Social Media Committee: Kris "boosted" the Craft Fair event on Facebook, we'll see how this works out. It wasn't easy. Kris thanked Arlene for managing the Facebook page she is doing a great job!

Craft Fair Committee: Kris is pleased to announce that we 23 vendors signed up with 20 paid and 18 raffle prizes. Irene volunteered to man the circulation desk to sell raffle tickets. She asked everyone to take some flyers to put up around their neighborhoods.

OLD BUSINESS: Rebecca asked us to table the discussion about using a credit card for this discussion and it was seconded by Mickey and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Irene explained to the group that now that we are a 501C we will be responsible for paying for the cost of promoting the Annual Library Budget vote. We always did raise the money for this purpose but it was a line on the Library budget now it will be ours. Carol explained that the Library has \$439.03 in their account reserved for 414 education. Those funds will now be turned over to the FOBL since we became a 501 C. Carol also said it should be part of our responsibility to carry the petitions to get the Library Budget on the ballott. Only Town of Beekman residents can carry the petitions. It was suggested that since we will be selling Giants Tickets Raffle tickets in July we can also carry the petitions.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 5pm.

There being no further business, Rebecca moved to adjourn, seconded by Marge. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Macdonald
Secretary