

FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY, OCT 1, 2018

OFFICERS , DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joanne Ambrosini, Dave Anderson, Tony Capalbo, Terry Connors, Irene Drugan, Rebecca Florance, Jack LoBianco, Kris Macdonald, Jeanette Simone and Arlene Vaquer.

CALL TO ORDER: Irene called the meeting to order at 5:19 pm.

The minutes were corrected, Rebecca moved to accept the corrected minutes, seconded by Arlene and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There is currently \$7,645.27 in our checking account, \$5.26 in our savings and \$401.00 cash on hand. We made \$1,485.70 at the September Book Sale. We gave the Library a check this evening for \$6,000.00, year to date we have given the Library \$13,000.00 Tony moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Kris and passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Carol began her report by thanking the Friends for the check for \$6,000.00.

She told us that the Battle of the Books was a great success again this year. JoAnn will now be taking over the middle school group and Ann Marie will be taking over the high school group. The Library is now a polling place It's a good thing because many more people will visit and get to know the Library.

Carol announced that Union Vale signed their contract. It's a one year contract with a 2% increase. Beekman Library should net about \$30,000 more or less.

Carol has once again this year applied for a Dutchess County grant for our Teen Program. The grant request is for \$6,000.

Big Truck day was an amazing success. While the town brings over trucks for the kids to climb on and take photos in she wanted to especially thank the Fire Dept. for staying the whole time, giving out hats, and interacting with the kids.

Carol told us that the Printed Newsletter has gone out. We all got it.

Carol talked about the Saturday event where author, Mary Beth Pfeiffer came and spoke to us about her new book, "Lyme Disease The First Epidemic of Climate Change". There was a very good turnout and it was a very interesting and serious topic. Dave spoke about the lecture and he suggested to Ms. Pfeiffer that she videotape her lecture and our Library could use it as a resource for a very disturbing topic.

Carol discussed the Big Read for October.

She also explained that there will be two Medicare Workshops and they are still open.

Book Sale Committee Report: The secret word for the October booksale is "Murder".

Irene asked the committee to let Arlene know who would be available to work the October book sale. Dave announced that he would be putting book sale sign up at the Town Dump because it is Beekman Dump Day. Our featured books this month will be Mysteries, Suspense and Thrillers and next month's sale (Nov.) will be Christmas Books, DVD's and CD's.

At this time we had an extremely lengthy and exciting discussion about Jack's new venture to resell books for us on Amazon. Jack explained the process to us and told us what kind of

books resell, including text books and he suggested that we no longer turn away text books in fact we should advertise that we accept textbooks. Jack introduced us to his partner, Justin (J&JDealz). After this lengthy discussion it was agreed that Jack and/or Justin would give the Friends a printout of all books, etc. taken the day they take the materials. Everyone is genuinely excited about this new venture and grateful to Jack and Justin for doing all the work.

Membership Committee: Arlene reported that there is nothing new to report. Still have 54 members.

Social Media/Advertising Committee: We will need to advertise about accepting text books, etc. on our social media outlets.

Christmas Cookie Committee: Joanne will be purchasing the plastic containers for the cookies and Kris will prepare the sign up sheets for the next book sale. Arlene said she will set up the girl scouts to come to the November sale to collect signatures.

Raffle Committee: Football/Tailgate raffle will be drawn at our October book sale.

Candy Sales Committee: Halloween pops are up on the circulation desk for sale.

Vendor Fair Committee: Everything going really well, we have currently about 21 confirmations with 9 paid vendors.

Annual Appeal Committee: Arlene explained that she has been meeting with Carol F. and plans to re-write the appeal letter. The letters have to go out between Thanksgiving and Dec 1st. Irene's roll will be preparing the patron list with Kathy and Carol. Rebecca's role will be to track the remitt envelopes.

OLD BUSINESS: To discuss and thank Mickey for the Giants Tickets which we sold for \$100 on very short notice.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 5th at 5:15 downstairs.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Macdonald
Secretary