

**FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 , 2017**

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

Dave Anderson, Tony Capalbo, Eileen Cunningham, Irene Drugan, Rebecca Florance, Jane Straub, Kris Macdonald, Janet Scaraville, Arlene Vaquer, Lynn Adams, Mickey Fraher, Terry Connors.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Carol Fortier, Director

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:12 pm. Irene moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as corrected. Eileen seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rebecca announced that the Friends are giving Carol a check in the amount of \$6500 tonight. So far this year we have turned over \$12,600. balance is \$156.07. We have given the Library 414 funds. The post card for the Budget Vote cost \$131. The Book Sale in Sept. revenue was \$1,181.60 including our book dealer. There was a discussion about why we were keeping so much in the checking account so far and it is because of the Vendor Fair. We need to keep liquid funds in the checking to cover something like a cancellation of the Vendor Fair, etc. It was decided that perhaps by the end of October we could turn over additional funds instead of waiting until the end of December.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Carol is working hard on the Budget Vote. The post cards have been printed (she distributed one to each of us). They should be in mailboxes by the 3rd week of October. The Budget Vote info has been in the Email News 3 times so far since August. Carol asked if we all received the printed Newsletter that the Library mailed out recently. Carol announced that on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 pm the Town of Beekman Board will be honoring the Friends of the Beekman Library because it's Friends of Library month. She hoped that we would all be able to attend. Carol said how impressed she is with both the growth in numbers of the Friends as well as the fundraising and monies donated to the Library. Carol was excited to announce that the wireless printing has begun. Now patrons can print remotely, wirelessly from home on line, paying first then coming to the library to pick up their printed materials, this can also be done withing the library. We will also be getting a new TV and much needed video equipment for the Community Room. Arlene suggested that we hand out book marks for the Budget Vote at our Oct. 28th book sale. All agreed.

**Social Media Committee:** Arlene volunteered to post the Budget Vote information along with a personal message on our Facebook page. Dave volunteered to work with her. Kris once again paid \$14 to boost the Vendor Fair info on the Friend's Facebook page.

**Book Sale Committee Report:** Arlene asked for volunteers for the book sale on Oct. 28th. It was decided that we would bake cookies and hand out to our patrons as we did in April thanking them for their support. The cookies will be passed around. Janet volunteered to bring little napkins. We discussed Big Book Donation Day which will be held on Nov. 4th from

10-2. Kris will give Arlene flyers. Dave will get teens once again from St.Kateri to help that day.

Membership List and a new Working Members List. There will be a Membership Table at the October 15th Vendor's Fair. Once again we briefly discussed a "raffle prize" as an incentive to become a member. This will be discussed at the meeting held after the holidays.

**Raffle Committee:** There are two raffles running currently. We have more than made up our cost for the Giant's Raffle (\$300) between the two sales at Stop and Shop and Shoprite and what has sold upstairs and privately. Cudos to Irene and Dave for collecting \$510 last Sunday at Shoprite.

The Football/Tailgate basket is still doing well and will be drawn at the Oct. 28th book sale.

**Candy Committee:** Candy sales have started up once again. Kris has already dropped off pops for Halloween.

**Vendor Fair Committee:** The Vendor Fair for Oct. 15th is going very well. We have 22 paid vendors and are collecting raffles. Volunteers are needed during the fair and Kris has reached out to Dalton Farm for teens who need community hours. We will serve coffee and donuts like last year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Sale Dates for 2018 book sales was discussed and decided upon. Dave suggested that we start holding our sales on the 3rd Saturdays of each month since we have to do that most months anyway to accommodate holidays, etc. The following dates were selected:

April 21, May 19, June 16th, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15th, Oct. 20th

Dave also discussed the pricing of books for the book sales. He wants to raise the coffee table type books up to \$3 and \$4. Irene has already started doing this. He also suggested that our Bargain Books sell for 50 cents each instead of 10 cents each. This will begin in April 2018 and we will continue with the color dot system.

Dave moved that we change the prices on the coffee table books to \$3 and \$4 respectively.

Janet seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kris shared information she had gotten for a plaque of some sort to memorialize Friends. Since there was so much discussion and great ideas the discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Kris also discussed filling the vacancy on our board due to the passing of Marge Schwinn. We need a nominating committee and have to check out the by-laws.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, November 6, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Macdonald  
Secretary