

BEEKMAN LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, February 26, 2017
Beekman Library
Community Room

Meeting Called to Order:

Tom Kraft, President at 2:04 pm

Trustees Present: Tom Kraft, Bitsy Scigliano, Kate Monroe, Lynn Brickman, Julie Mirsberger.
Beth Ferguson, Louise DiPalermo

Trustees Absent: Breda Huvane

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Remarks: Tom Kraft: Recognition of guests, staff, Friends, and members of the public in attendance

- ❖ Library averages 3 programs and 166 visitors with 248 items in circulation per day
- ❖ Making progress and a lot of activity on a regular basis at the library
- ❖ Friends of the Beekman Library are re-energized in support of the library
- ❖ Friends are critical as a second source of funding to stretch services
- ❖ Recognized Ed Lieberthal's retirement from the board and long time service to the library

Review Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting:

Motion by Kate Monroe to waive reading of minutes, seconded by Julie Mirsberger, approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

Beth Ferguson, Treasurer

Revenues and Expenditures

For year ending December 2016

Total Revenue	\$463,105
Total Expenditures	\$452,509
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 10,415

Friends Report:

Presented by Dave Anderson, President

Presentation of donated funds to the library of \$13,300

- ❖ A record set in fundraising this year
- ❖ Money applied to new deck furniture, kids and adult programs, newsletter, website hosting, annual appeal mailing, appreciation awards and more
- ❖ Money raised through book sales, raffles, craft and vendor fairs, cookie and candy sales, and donations
- ❖ Group is growing as are ideas and creativity
- ❖ Incorporated as a 501c3 this year
- ❖ Facebook page with link from library website up and running

Director's Report: (On file in the library)

Carol Rodriguez, Director

Highlights:

- ❖ Expanded hours on Wednesdays to 10-8 with quiet time in the mornings with no programs
- ❖ Thank you to the Friends who had a record breaking year, became a 501c3 which gave the more ability to raise money
- ❖ Installed new carpeting to replace worn and stained carpeting
- ❖ Purchased deck furniture. Wifi reaches the parking lot so patrons may sit on deck to work

- ❖ Purchased assistive listening equipment
- ❖ Added Library Elf service on website
- ❖ Provide reading glasses, headphones and chargers for in library use
- ❖ Pop up library at Beekman Rec for seniors and children's programs
- ❖ Hope to provide pop up services in Unionvale as well
- ❖ Developed more STEAM programs
- ❖ Added Robotics program thanks to grant from Senator Murphy's office
- ❖ Battle of the Books team earned first place for second time in 10 years of participation
- ❖ High School level Battle of the Books team being formed in 2017
- ❖ Several connections to the community programs completed including backpack supplies for the United Way, cards for Vets and active duty soldiers, Soldiers' Angel stocking program
- ❖ Paul Grady, Eagle Scout provided raised planter boxes and roadside sign
- ❖ 2017 Girl Scout is working toward Gold Award with projects to bring more teens to the library including Blind Date with a Book, Instagram page and Teen Scene activities
- ❖ Long Range Plan completed with focus groups from the community
- ❖ Book Babies program developed for parents with infants
- ❖ Field Goods Partnership delivered to the library

Staff Recognition

Recognized for years of service

Katherine Reilly 1 year

Carol Ewin 10 years

Recognized volunteers and staff with cookies with the library logo

New Business:

Trustee Appointments, nominations and vote for officers

Tom Kraft, President

Bitsy Scigliano, Vice President

Beth Ferguson, Treasurer

Lynn Brickman, Secretary

Kate Monroe made a motion to approve the slate, Louise DiPalermo seconded, approved unanimously

Tom Kraft and Julie Mirsberger renewed as trustees for a 5 year term

Beth Ferguson made a motion to accept renewal, Louise DiPalermo seconded, approved unanimously

Public Comment:

Barbara Zulauf, Beekman Supervisor

Thanked the library staff, Board of Trustees, and Friends of Beekman Library for the wealth of information and services provided and looks forward to the continued support and cooperation with the Town of Beekman

David Anderson, Friends of Beekman Library President

Shared personal story of how as a result of a program at the library, he is training a service dog so you never know how what is done at the library affects a life. First public place brought dog for training.

Carol Ewin recognized the volunteers that are a big part of the library's daily functions

Carol Fortier thanked Carol Ewing for coordinating volunteer program and training volunteers

Irene Drugan thanked the Board of Trustees for volunteering their time and for their support

Adjourn Meeting:

At 2:47 motion by Bitsy Scigliano, seconded by Tom Kraft to adjourn, approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Brickman