

**BEEKMAN LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Sunday, February 25, 2018**  
**Beekman Library**  
**Community Room**

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**Meeting Called to Order:**

Bitsy Scigliano, Acting President at 2:04 pm

**Trustees Present:** Bitsy Scigliano, Kate Monroe, Lynn Brickman, Beth Ferguson, Karen Madden

**Trustees Absent:** Breda Huvane

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Opening Remarks: Bitsy Scigliano**

Recognition of guests including, staff, Friends, and members of the public in attendance

- ❖ The staff are what makes the library successful on a daily basis "All the links in our chain are strong"
- ❖ Thanked Volunteers for shelving and assisting staff
- ❖ 414 successful
- ❖ Thanks to the reinvigorated Friends of the Beekman Library for their efforts which helped purchase shelving, media, programs, Battle of the Books and more
- ❖ Recognized the excellent leadership and work of Executive Director, Carol Fortier
- ❖ Thanked the Monroe Family for donating the cornerstone and for Kate Monroe's over 30 years of volunteer service at the library
- ❖ Recognized Tom Kraft who resigned as president and his wife Cathy for their service to the library for over 15 years

**Review Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting:**

Motion by Kate Monroe to waive reading of minutes, seconded by Karen Madden, approved unanimously

**Treasurer's Report:** (see report on file)

Beth Ferguson, Treasurer

**Revenues and Expenditures**

For year ending December 2017

Total Revenue	\$ 471,826
Total Expenditures	\$ 470,944
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 882

**Friends Report:**

Presented by Dave Anderson, President

Presentation of donated funds to the library of \$16,100

- ❖ Another record set in fundraising this year
- ❖ Money applied to furniture, table and chairs, computer station, history cabinet, tv, e-newsletter, webpage hosting fee, remote printing, Battle of the Books, museum passes and more
- ❖ Money raised through book sales, raffles, craft and vendor fairs, cookie and candy sales, and donations

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

Carol Rodriguez, Director

**Highlights:**

- ❖ Several grants received and applied for including DC Division of Family Services for \$5000
- ❖ NYS and MHLS grants for early literacy and play equipment and toys
- ❖ Grants provided funds for large print books, iPad Pros for training
- ❖ Anne Marie Larkin joined youth services staff. Jo Ann DiSalvo does programs at Beekman and Vail Farm Elementary Schools

- ❖ Added Book Babies for infants and parents
- ❖ Battle of the Books program expanded to include high school team who came in second in their first year competing
- ❖ Ancestry.com can be used at the library
- ❖ Still have books! Over 43,000 items in collection including physical and digital books and magazines
- ❖ Developing Little Free Library at Beekman Rec and Tymor Park

### **Volunteer Recognition**

Carol Ewing recognized volunteers

- ❖ Volunteers range in age from 10 up
- ❖ 35 junior volunteers, 11 senior volunteers, 17 friend and 9 board members for 72 volunteers plus those that provide community service hours
- ❖ Recognized volunteers with thermos cup with the library logo

### **Staff Recognition**

Recognized for years of service

Anne Marie Larkin 1 year  
 Pam Nieto 1 year  
 Celeste Kubala 5 years  
 JoAnn DiSalvo 15 years

Irene Dugan recognized for over 27 years of service to the library. Irene will retire in July.

### **New Business:**

Trustee Appointments, nominations and vote for officers

Bitsy Sciglano, President

Breda Huvane, Vice President

Beth Ferguson, Treasurer

Lynn Brickman, Secretary

Kate Monroe made a motion to approve the slate, Karen Madden seconded, approved unanimously

Lynn Brickman and Kate Monroe renewed as trustees for a 5 year term

Karen Madden made a motion to accept renewal, Beth Ferguson seconded, approved unanimously

### **Public Comment:**

Tom Kraft thanked the board and the library. Expressed it was a privilege and pleasure to be part of the organization

### **Adjourn Meeting:**

At 3:07 motion by Kate Monro, seconded by Karen Madden to adjourn, approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Brickman