

**FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD DECEMBER 7, 2021**

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Adams, Annmarie Ajello, Jerry Balcom, Lynn Brickman, Terry Connors, Ann Dauerer, Irene Drugan, Xenia Ebel, Rebecca Florance, Mickey Fraher, Marvelle Hondorp, Joan Korducki, Larry Korducki, Kris Macdonald, Barbara Rendich, Linda Sprance, and Arlene Vaquer

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier

CALL TO ORDER:

Arlene called the meeting to order at 12.02 pm. Jane Straub moved to accept the November minutes, this was seconded by Larry. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rebecca reported that there is \$5,292.46 in the checking account, \$846.13 in the savings account and cash on hand is \$293.56. Our Book Sale in November made \$1,244.39 (vendors included).

The Friends have so far this year given the Library \$19,500.

Carol thanked the Friends for all their efforts to raise this money. She asked if there would be another check coming in 2021 and Rebecca yes there would be one more check.

Xenia moved to accept the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Mickey and passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Community Outreach

We started working with a food pantry at the Church in Fishkill. They serve our residents as well as most of the Southern Dutchess County. The donation box is in the lobby.

The Library is bedazzled and ready for viewing on December 11th. Our Library Elves will be at the Beekman Rec to give books to the Children.

Expansion/Renovation

We met with the architects and viewed four preliminary plans. The committee is evaluating the usability as well as the cost and phases of each. Carol further explained the proposed plans.

Financial

We will be converting our books to accrual for the start of 2022. This has been a recommendation by our current and previous accounting firms.

Grants

I applied for the Dutchess County YES grant again for 2022 (This is a grant for our staff to train teens to work with children). I requested \$7500.

Programs

We had a full house for the Polar Express and Hanukkah programs and the children had a wonderful time. [We have a Santa mailbox in front of the library. This mailbox was a collaboration with Arlington H.S. metal shop and art dept.](#)

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan was approved by the BOT and posted on our website. I will review the goals with the Friends. [Carol further explained that after the Community Conversation our goals are: A Community Commons is central to the community; Lifelong Learning Collections; and Basis Literary for Children and Adults and Digital Learning for Adults.](#)

[*Blue indicates additional discussion to Carol's report or added information.](#)

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING REPORT

Kris attended the BOT meeting this month. Carol covered everything in her report that was discussed at this meeting. There was a discussion about the 2022 finances and budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BOOK SALE:

Rebecca reported that splitting the tables up front for check out worked very well.

Jerry suggested that the committee consider a "Flash" sale during the closed winter months. The committee agreed that this was a good idea, perhaps in conjunction with the winter party we're considering.

We thanked Joan for her idea of having a "Christmas Book Shop" at our October and November sales. A lot of our Christmas books, music cd's and DVD's sold.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: No report

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: No report

FUNDRAISING:

Christmas Cookie Sale: Everything is ready to go.

Raffles: The Christmas Wrap Basket has been upstairs already and we have several other raffle ideas for the Christmas Cookie Sale as well as the last of the Giant's Tix raffle.

Calendar: So far we have collected \$270 in sales.

Annual Appeal: Arlene reported that we have received \$1300 so far.

Winter Social: Barbara is looking for volunteers for this proposed FOBL function/fundraiser.

OLD BUSINESS:

The book sale planning meeting for 2022 will be held on Sunday Jan. 23rd (11-2) at the Roosevelt House in Dalton Farm. It will be a pot luck and invites will be going out.

NEW BUSINESS: None

***Arlene closed the meeting by thanking everyone for all their hard work this past year. We are doing a great job fundraising. She thanked Carol for all her support of the Friends. Carol thanked us in return.**

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 12:00 noon downstairs in the Library.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm. Holiday refreshments followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Macdonald

Secretary