

**FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MARCH 1, 2021  
VIRTUAL "GO TO MEETING"**

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

Lynn Adams, Jerry Balcolm, Xenia Ebel, Rebecca Florance, Mickey Fraher, Larry Korducki, Kris Macdonald, Barbara Rendich, Arlene Vaquer, Terry Connors, Ann Dauerer, Joan Korducki, Caryn Presti, JoAnn DiSalvo, and Maria DiSalvo.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Carol Fortier

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Arlene called our virtual meeting to order at 5:39 pm.

Larry moved to accept the December 7<sup>th</sup> minutes as distributed, this was seconded by Mickey and passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Rebecca reported that we have \$10,822.89 in checking, \$8.24 in savings and \$354.20 cash on hand. The income for last month was \$5,843.12. This was from book sale to dealers. Some of the income was left over from 2020 but deposited and reported in January, i.e. some annual appeal money, some donations, and the Christmas craft sales in December. We have made \$900 to date from book dealers. Inviting dealers to shop privately is proving to be very worthwhile. Arlene said there would be no more dealers until after our first book sale on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Xenia moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, the motion was seconded by Mickey and passed.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

We were approved and received a second round of PPP funding for \$52,800

The Library Board is discussing the possibility of putting the budget up for a vote this year. Our budget vote cycle would mean this is the year, but they are sensitive to the economic impact of the pandemic. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 21 at 2pm via gotomeeting. The link will be posted on website one week prior to the meeting. All are welcome.

Pauline is working with Beekman Rec on a geocache treasure hunt program in March. GPS devices will be available at the library for checkout.

Print newsletter will be in mailboxes by April 1. Please let you know if you do not receive it.

Please remember to like and or comment on our social media posts as it increases our reach and engagement.

I am hoping to get the library back to regular hours as the virus numbers in Dutchess County improve. I am hopeful that by the end of April we will be able to resume normal hours and start some outdoor programming.

We have planned for a normal summer reading program but will make adjustments as needed.

Carol reiterated that she hopes we can return to normal hours in late Spring, Dutchess Co. is stuck at 4%.

There was a discussion about the Friends presenting our "Big Check" to the Board, we can present it on screen. Arlene asked for us to participate in the gotomeeting because the Board of Trustees is very supportive of the Friends.

**LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Book Sale;**

The March 20<sup>th</sup> book sale will be open from 10-2 following the hours of the Library. Children will be allowed only with strict supervision by their parent or guardian. Only 15 people will be allowed inside including children and volunteers. Arlene asked for volunteers to help at the book sale. Rebecca said she and Doug would do the signs.

**Membership:**

Arlene announced that she is currently doing the membership as Denise is extremely busy homeschooling and helping with her grandchildren. We have 79 members. We took in \$190 in

memberships plus an extra \$130 in donations on top of the memberships. We expect to have a membership table outside in warmer weather again this year. Arlene announced that we will be giving 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year Members who renew a special "Anniversary Gift Certificate" for 5 free books up to a \$10 value.

**Fundraising:**

Kris spoke briefly about the raffles for the upcoming year. The March "Italian Dinner at Home" raffle basket is already upstairs and the winning ticket will be drawn at our March 20<sup>th</sup> book sale. We had a gift card left over from 2020 from Adams which we used to purchase all the food items. The "Mother's Day" basket will be up next and we already have all the items for the basket. Mickey is also picking up some extra items for baskets. We will then have our "Father's Day" Basket, "Summer Fun" basket, "Mom's Back to School" basket, the "Football/Tailgate" basket and ending in November with our very popular "Christmas Wrap" basket. Since we didn't hold raffles in 2020 we have most of the items already to do the 2021 raffles. We have requested and received \$50 gift cards from Adams and Stop & Shop. We're in good shape.

The 2021 Childrens Art Calendar was surprisingly not a total loss. A patron came in and purchased the last 50 calendars and brought them to the Post Office to be given away. So we only lost about \$50 more or less. We expect the 2022 calendar to be even more popular and we will start with the summer reading program at the end of June. Kris will work closely with Pam to promote and gather art work from the children.

There will be no chocolate lollipops again this year. Also, we will decide at a later date whether or not we can hold our Annual Christmas Vendor Fair in November.

**Annual Appeal:** Arlene said this would hopefully be her final update on the annual appeal. Gross Income \$14,240.00. Net \$13,102. There were 138 donors. Arlene said that the success of the annual appeal was a testament to Carol and the Staff for keeping the Library open with strict protocol during the Pandemic. It was appreciated by the community.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

We will be getting the Insurance for our Directors and Officers. Rebecca is working with Carla from William Smith & Son. The cost will be about \$800. As soon as the taxes are done, she'll take care of it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Arlene talked about the new sorting area and complimented JoAnn, Maria and Ann Marie on a great job. Joan asked where we should put our overflow of inventory until after the March book sale. All overflow will have to remain in the back sorting area.

Arlene announced that the first part of our April meeting would be our Annual Meeting. Since Dave resigned, she and Barbara are in an acting capacity as President and Vice-President. They will need to be elected officially. Arlene asked Lynn to chair a nominating committee for this election. Lynn agreed.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Monday, April 5, 2021 at 5:30 pm. It will be a virtual gototmeeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Arlene moved to adjourn at 6:19 pm. This motion was seconded by Rebecca and passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Macdonald  
Secretary