

**FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2021**

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

Lynn Adams, Jerry Balcolm, Rebecca Florance, Xenia Ebel, Mickey Fraher, Larry Korducki, Kris Macdonald, Barbara Rendich, Arlene Vaquer, Jeanette Simone, Joan Korducki, Anne Dauerer,

**STAFF PRESENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Arlene called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Mickey moved to accept the April 5 minutes as distributed, this was seconded by Xenia and passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Rebecca reported that we have \$5,410.60 in checking, \$8.24 in savings and \$371.03 cash on hand. The income from the April book sale was \$1,038.65. She also reported that we received \$1,477.50 from Dealers. Larry moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, the motion was seconded by Kris and passed.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Carol submitted her report in writing:

Rachel Duran has joined the staff as a Youth Services Library Assistant. She will be conducting story times, school age children's programs, managing social media and covering the circulation desk a few times a month.

In-person Family Story Time starts this week (weather permitting). Pauline, Kathy and I have worked on the summer program schedule and we will be back with full in-person programming starting in July.

I have requested \$25,000 in bullet aid from Senator Harckham for flexible multi-use furnishings for the community room.

We will be starting a "Come back to the library" social media campaign within the next few weeks. Please help us spread the word that the library is "Open for Business" and welcomes the public back.

The Library Board approved a new Memorandum of Understanding between the Library and FOBL. The new document updates the administrative dollar amount the Friends will keep for operating expenses from \$1000 to \$3000

**LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT:** Rebecca reported on the BOT meeting. They spoke about the Building Fund Campaign and the need to increase the children's space. BOT needs something concrete to show for fundraising. They will need to pay an architect. There is still a lot to do. Rebecca reported that the BOT decided to go for the Budget Vote again this year. Asking for an increase of \$19,000.

\***Before** moving onto Committee reports Arlene requested that the Directors remain after the meeting in order to sign the new By-Laws Amendment to change operating expenses to \$3,000.00.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Book Sale:**

The income from our April book sale was \$1,038.65.

There was a discussion about the upcoming book sales with the Covid-19 protocols lightening up. We will ask Carol if we need to keep the line outside and limit our patrons inside. We decided to have a membership table outside in May. We will draw the winning raffle ticket for the Father's Day basket on Thurs., May 20<sup>th</sup>

Jerry announced that he has a new contact for dropping off books. The Mid-Hudson Library System services 6 county prisons and they will sort and deliver.

**Membership:**

We have 85 members. We brought in \$455.00 year to date. There are 7 or 8 renewals in May. We need to promote our membership, we need new members?

**Fundraising:**

Kris announced that our raffle baskets so far have been very successful. The Father's Day basket is upstairs and the winning ticket will be drawn Thurs. evening May 20<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting items for the "Summer Fun" basket.

There was a lengthy discussion about whether or not to do the Children's Art Calendar again this year. The overall consensus was to do the calendar again this year.

Kris announced that there will be a Vendor Fair this November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

After a discussion about getting WIFI installed downstairs it was decided that we would ask Doug Florance to purchase what we need and install it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Barbara discussed the upcoming Recognition Reception honoring Mickey, Irene, Jeanette and Tony. It will be held on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> with a rain date for June 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be outside in the back parking lot. Invites will be going out shortly.

Joan and Larry spoke about the FOBL getting involved with the RSVP charity group. If we keep track of our volunteer hours we will be invited to a breakfast honoring volunteers. Since we already keep track of volunteer's hours this should be easy. Arlene asked them to take charge of this new venture.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, June 7, 2021 at 5:30 pm at the Library

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Rebecca moved to adjourn at 6:30 pm. This motion was seconded by Larry and passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Macdonald  
Secretary