

**FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JULY 5, 2022**

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annmarie Ajello, Jerry Balcom, Lynn Brickman, Irene Drugan, Xenia Ebel, Rebecca Florance, Mickey Fraher, Marvelle Hondorp, Barbara Rendich, Jeanette Simone, Linda Sprance, Arlene Vaquer, and Mary jane Zukowski

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier, Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Arlene called the meeting to order at 12:02pm. Mickey moved to accept the June minutes, this was seconded by Xenia. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rebecca reported as follows:

We have \$7,007.47 in checking, \$8.17 in Savings. There is \$258.09 in Cash on Hand #1 and \$110 approx. in Cash on Hand #2. We are issuing a check to the library for \$4,000.00 today.

Rebecca said our Flash Sale made an additional \$126

Xenia moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Arlene seconded this motion. Motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

414 Funding Vote

The petitions are completed with 585 signatures. They will be submitted with the Board Resolution to the Town Clerk for certification on July 19. Publicity for the vote will start in August starting with our Enewsletter. We will also be posting information on social media, our website, and in our print newsletter. Postcards will be mailed to remind people to vote and we will be asking for volunteers to make phone calls in October. The publicity committee will also be discussing the possibility of ordering new road signs to supplement what we have. We will be requesting the postcard mailing and any new signs be funded by the Friends as those materials cannot be funded with taxpayer dollars. .

Building

The new Dutchess County grant funded furnishings for community room should be in by the end of this month. The Town Maintenance Department is working on cleaning up grounds as per our request. I will be getting quotes from landscapers for a refresh of the flagpole garden.

Lower Level Renovation

We will be applying for the New York State Construction Grant this month. We should receive word by the end of the year but if funded the funds will not be available until Fall 2023.

Programs & Services

The Summer Reading Kick-off was a huge success with 160 people in attendance. We have 164 children signed up to participate in summer reading and I expect that number will continue to grow. The local food truck was here at Pauline's invitation and they were thrilled with the reception. They will be attending our other large lawn events. This was a nice way to partner with a local business. The lawn concert was also a success with 60 people in attendance.

We are offering two passes for adult admission to the Mohonk Preserve and one pass for one family including two adults and all children to the Trevor Zoo in Millbrook.

Starting August 1st we will be joining the over 40 libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System that are fine free. The Board voted on this at our June board meeting. This is a change that is taking place around the country as a way to provide library service that is more equitable. It has been shown that fines on late materials are a barrier to service for lower income patrons. There will still be bills issued for materials that are not returned.

Town

I will be presenting to the Beekman Town Board at their July 26 meeting.

[Presentation of Photos: Carol gave a very detailed presentation about the whole project. Members, especially newer ones, were very excited about everything.](#)

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT:

Arlene attended. The architect presented plans to the Board. Arlene updated the BOT on our projects, including the Summer Reading Program related attendance at our sales.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**BOOK SALE;**

Number of patrons was down, but income was good. Comic book sales will tend to skew the numbers; but once again, Rebecca will figure it out and report accordingly.

Arlene asked for volunteers for the July 16th sale and the July 21st Thursday evening sale that will coincide with the Reading Program's Jester Jim.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

120 members. \$1080 taken in year to date.

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE:**FUNDRAISING:****Raffles:**

Due to the library's accounting changes, we have no numbers for "Summer Fun" Raffle. Lotto "basket" doing very well, apparently "money talks".

OLD BUSINESS:

The cookie sale is still called the "Cookie Sale"; not a bake sale.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jerry has a new dealer for comics; and also at the Mid Hudson Library "dock" to drop off donations to correctional facilities.. Bins are almost full again. Each bin holds approximately 1 ton and brings in \$.02 a pound. This pickup will be the 2nd of this year 2022.

Arlene presented examples of an updated, simplified version of gift certificates. Easier to understand.

Kids: \$2.00 for any number of books. Adults: \$4.00 for any number of books.

There was a question about charging tax on gift certificates that is subsequently gifted to a third party. Rebecca will look into this.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 2nd at 12:00 noon downstairs in the Library.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Macdonald
Secretary

*Notes for these minutes were taken by Barbara Rendich in Kris' absence. Thank you Barbara!