

**FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD SEPT. 6, 2022**

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Adams, Jerry Balcom, Rebecca Florance, Xenia Ebel, Mickey Fraher, Kris Macdonald, Barbara Rendich, Arlene Vaquer, Jeanette Simone, Annmarie Ajello, Irene Drugan, Marvelle Hondorp, Merle Von Wertber, Linda Sprance, Mary Jane Zukowski and Anne Dauerer,

STAFF PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Arlene called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Arlene moved to accept the August minutes as distributed, this was seconded by Barbara and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rebecca reported that we have \$8,741.32 in checking, \$374.85 in savings, \$317.45 cash on hand #1 and \$100 cash on hand #2 (in cash box).

The income from the August book sale was \$1659.10 plus Thursday evening \$578.91. Rebecca announced that we will be giving the Library \$5,000. We have given the Library \$11,730.00 YTD. Kris moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, the motion was seconded by Mickey and passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Kris read Carol's report in her absence.

414 Funding:

Sign up sheet for phone calls is available. The budget and FAQ are on our website. The September, October and November e-news will have an article about the budget vote as well as the print newsletter which will be in boxes October 1-3.

Grants:

Carol will be applying for the DC Youth Service Grant for our Y.E.S. teen volunteer program again this year. I will be requesting \$7,000.

Programs and Services:

Summer Reading was a huge success. We had children 250 participate in the summer reading program and they read a total of 2,670 minutes over the summer. The attendance at all of the children's programs over the summer was 1,280.

September is Library Card sign-up month. We have been giving away beanie babies to children who sign up for a card or bring a friend in to get a card. We signed up 40 children in three days!

Staff:

Our new Head of Youth Services, Jane Enkler, will be starting September 19th. She has 7 years of experience as a Youth Services Assistant at Patterson Library.

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale:

Arlene announced that our collaboration with the Summer events at the library was a huge success. This was thanks to Jerry for the idea of holding Flash sales at the same time the library was hosting an event. Our book sale was open for 3 events. We raffled off 16 gift certificates, 11 were redeemed. It was agreed by all that we saw lots of new patrons because of this idea.

Truck day was cancelled this year.

Irene asked that volunteers, when weeding books from their areas, put good condition books into the clear plastic bins, recycle paperbacks and put poor condition hardcover books into the garbage bin.

Arlene asked for volunteers for our two upcoming Sept. book sales.

Arlene explained that we got a phone call from Discovery Books and there is a new criteria for things that they do not want. She gave out a chart to everyone. She told us that we received a check from Discovery for \$115. This is the 2nd check and we are pretty close to another pick up. Our featured books for the Sept. book sale are baseball books. Thank you to Marvelle and Jen for putting up the display. All books will be 10 cents each.

Membership:

At the end of August we have 119 Friends. We plan to have tables outside for membership at the October and November book sales.

Fundraising:

It was decided that there would be no 2023 Children's Calendar this year. We will revisit the idea with the new Youth Services Director next year.

Raffles:

Totals for all of our raffles to date are under review. Jerry asked about the lottery scratch off raffle. It was a big success however we don't have numbers yet. Rebecca will get us the numbers. The Football/Tailgate raffle is now upstairs and the winning ticket will be drawn at our October book sale. We are collecting money from the Friends for the November raffle – the Christmas Wrap Raffle Basket.

Christmas Cookie Sale:

Marvelle has volunteered to head the Christmas Cookie Sale this year. Sign up sheets will be ready for the October and November book sales. Kris will give Marvelle all the paperwork from past years.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 4th at 12:00 pm at the Library

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Macdonald
Secretary