

**FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD OCT. 4, 2022**

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Adams, Jerry Balcom, Xenia Ebel, Rebecca Florance, Mickey Fraher, Joan Korducki, Larry Korducki, Anne Marie Larkin, Kris Macdonald, Barbara Rendich, Arlene Vaquer, Jeanette Simone, Irene Drugan, Linda Sprance, Jenn Mihocko, and Anne Dauerer,

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier

CALL TO ORDER:

Arlene called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

Mickey moved to accept the September minutes as distributed, this was seconded by Lynn A and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rebecca reported that we have \$3,606.32 in checking, \$374.85 in savings, \$305.50 cash on hand #1 and \$100 cash on hand #2 (in cash box).

The income from the September book sale was \$1,015.10 plus Thursday evening \$263.87. Rebecca announced that we gave the Library \$5,000. We have given the Library \$16,730.00 YTD.

Rebecca explained that the sign in process for TEG Bank accounts did not work and the log in will be changed. She will be going to the bank to find out exactly how to make necessary changes.

Barbara moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, the motion was seconded by Kris and passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Prior to her report, Carol announced that the Library will be participating in the "Great Give Back" and that we were working with the Dutchess Co.SPCA. On Saturday, October 15th the SPCA will be here.

Donations of food, etc. are being gathered and you can adopt a pet.

Administration

The audit and 990 have been completed by RBT. They will present their findings and the library financials at the October Board meeting.

The finance committee has been working on making investment changes to take advantage of the higher rate CDs being offered. We are pleased that we will be able to earn a significant amount of interest before the capital funds are put to use next year.

Building

As you know, the roof needs repair. I am hoping that once they start they will not find more damage than anticipated. The repairs were quoted at \$2400. The Board is discussing putting money aside each year for anticipated future repairs since the contingency fund is intended for this purpose but according to policy must be kept at a certain level as a percent of the budget.

Grants

We received word that we will be receiving a \$155, 000 construction grant from NY State. This is 46% of the anticipated cost. The maximum awarded is 50%. At this point, the plan is to begin construction next fall. I will be working on donating and discarding items in the basement.

Outreach & Publicity

The print newsletter was in mailboxes last week. Please let me know if you did not receive one along with your street.

Programs & Services

Library card sign-up month was a huge success. We gave out 118 new library cards.

Our new head of Youth Services is settling in nicely. She and Anne Marie plan to conduct the Fall programs as scheduled and have planned the winter session. All story times are at capacity with registration. Sue has started a Mahjong program that was well received and is a great way for residents

to get to know each other. She also has a Defensive Driving program in November that has a wait list. She will probably schedule another one during the winter session.

414 Funding Vote

We still need more volunteers to make phone calls. I have lists available today.

Reminder VOTE postcards have been addressed and will be in the mail on 10-17.

Early voting starts on October 29.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Fortier, Director

*Arlene announced the new Youth Services Director is Jane Enkler and we should go upstairs and introduce ourselves.

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale:

Irene announced that we will be selling the "Great Courses" at the Nov. book sale. We will need to put this up on social media.

Joan and Larry set up the Christmas Shop again this year and patrons can shop in October and November for Christmas books, music cd's, DVD's, etc. Arlene will make sure this is advertised on social media.

Jerry delivered boxes of books to the Pawling Episcopal Church. These children's books are being sent by the Church to Kentucky to help replace books that were lost in the recent floods. He announced that the Bins were emptied Tuesday, Discovery picked up books.

Membership:

We have 113 Friends. There was a discussion about reaching out to new residents.

Annual Appeal: The appeal letter is being finalized and will be sent out to 1,000 library patrons. Our best year so far was 2020 when we received \$16,000. In 2021 we received \$11,070.

Social Media:

Anne Marie posts our Book Sale ads on Patch every month.

Arlene announced that October 16-22 is National Friend's Week. She is going to email thru Mail Chimp announcing this and attaching a membership form.

Fundraising:

Christmas Cookie Sale:

Marvelle is working with her committee Linda, Merle, and Xenia. They are busy getting ready for our Dec. 10th cookie sale. Volunteer Cookie Baker sheets will be passed around at Oct. & Nov. book sales. Flyers for volunteers will be put up around community also.

Raffles:

The next raffle will be put up after Nov. 1st – it is the Christmas Wrap Raffle Basket. The winning ticket will be drawn at our Dec. 10th Cookie Sale. There will also be other raffle baskets at the cookie sale.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 1, at 12:00 pm at the Library

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Macdonald
Secretary