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

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Adams, Xenia Ebel, Eileen Cunningham, Rebecca Florance, Treasurer, Larry Kordecki, Anne Marie Larkin, Kris Macdonald, Barbara Rendich, Vice President, Arlene Vaquer, President, Irene Drugan, Marvelle Hondorp, Joan Kordecki, Jennifer Mihocko, Anne Dauerer, Merle Von Wettberg Mary Jane Zukowski.

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier, Director of the Beekman Library

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Larry moved to accept the November minutes as distributed; this motion was seconded by Anne Marie and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rebecca reported that we have \$7,492.85 in checking, \$374.94 in savings. Cash on Hand #1 (Register) has \$270.25 and Cash on Hand #2 (Cash Box for Pop-Up Sales) has \$100.00.

The income from the November book sale was \$1,166.10. Rebecca said she would be sending the Year End numbers to Arlene once we hold the Cookie Sale and December book sale.

Arlene moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, the motion was seconded by Lynn A. and passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Carol said she is in the process of cleaning out the back rooms, etc.

Carol requested that we write letters to our State Officials in support of a new law that would only require only 25 signatures for our 414 to get on the ballot. Currently we need to get 10% of the last gubernatorial election numbers.

Carol is involved as President Elect NYLA Assoc – "Friends" Section 2023-2025. She will be on the Board. She suggested that we as "Friends" sign up for a membership so we can receive information from them.

In closing, Carol thanked Rebecca for her over 20 years of service and Doug also on behalf of the Library Staff and Board.

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT:

There will be 6 holidays in 2023. The library will be closed ½ day for Christmas Eve.

At this point, Lynn Adams, Director and Head of the Nominating Committee, took over the meeting in order to hold the Election of Acting Treasurer/Acting Director:

Since Rebecca was leaving to move to South Carolina, it is necessary to replace her. Lynn and her nominating committee placed Jennifer Mihocko's name in nomination to fill the vacancy for Treasurer/Director until the April Annual Meeting in 2023 in which she will be named as Treasurer. Lynn presented a brief biography of Jennifer citing her qualifications.

Arlene moved to elect Jennifer Mihocko as Acting Treasurer/Acting Director. This was seconded by Kris.

Since there were no further nominations, Arlene instructed the Secretary to cast one ballot for Jennifer making it unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale:

Arlene requested volunteers for the Dec. 11th book sale, as well as for cookie wrap day and the cookie sale. Arlene said we would be open through Dec. 13th for donations. We will start accepting donations again after the New Year.

Membership:

Arlene told us that at the end of November there are 120 Friends. She intends to do another membership challenge in Jan and Feb. for new members. The winner will get a \$50 visa card.

This was followed by a discussion about new residents in our area. Carol explained that new card holders get a welcome bag. We as the "Friends" should put our info in this bag.

Annual Appeal: The appeal letter is being sent out. 1,999 letters were sent.

Social Media:

Fundraising:

Christmas Cookie Sale:

Marvelle thanked everyone for their help.

Carol F. suggested strongly that we raise our price this year. It was decided after much discussion that we would charge \$8/pound box. It was agreed that prior to the sale, volunteers and staff can buy 1 box.

Winter Social:

The Winter Social will be held on Feb. 19th with a snow date for Feb. 26th.

Raffles:

Winners of the Christmas Wrap and four other raffle baskets will be drawn at the Cookie Sale.

It was decided that we will put up a "Snowflake" Lottery Scratch Off for Jan and Feb.

OLD BUSINESS:

The discussion of a "Friend's Corner" in the vestibule upstairs was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Arlene told us the January Planning Meeting will be held on January 22nd at 11:00 am at the Roosevelt House in Dalton Farm. There will be refreshments. She explained that this year's meeting is important as there will be lots of changes.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Sunday, Jan 22nd planning meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Macdonald
Secretary