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FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JUNE 6, 2023

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Adams, Jerry Balcom, Larry Korducki, Kris Macdonald, (Secretary), Barbara Rendich, (Vice President), Irene Drugan, Marvelle Hondorp, Cliff Johnsen, Joan Korducki, Jennifer Mihocko, (Treasurer), Jeanette Simone, Linda Sprance, Arlene Vaquer (President), and Mary Jane Zukowski.

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier, Director of the Beekman Library

CALL TO ORDER:

Arlene called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. Jeanette moved to accept the May 2nd minutes as distributed, this motion was seconded by Arlene and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jen Mihocko congratulated the Friends, saying, "Everyone was knocking it out of the park". She distributed a Treasurer's Report to the Committee. Total income from both book sales in May was \$1389.69
Jen asked that everyone turn in their expenses, we can cover them. There was a discussion about the \$3,000 limit on our spending in one year. Carol discussed expenses for liability insurance, and if we need coverage. She and Arlene will discuss. Our total balance in checking, cash and savings is \$9,389.94
Kris moved to accept the Treasurer's report, which was seconded by Larry and passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director's Report to FOBL

Administrative

- We are moving forward with our plans to become a Passport Acceptance Facility. Staff have starting the training and we hope to be up and running in late July.
- We received the first check from the IRS for the Employee Retention Tax Credit for \$28,000. We filed amended returns for a total of six quarters in 2020 and 2021. Our payroll company, Paychex, reported that we are eligible for \$180,000 in tax credits. The board has agreed that these funds will be deposited in the Capital Fund for the expansion project.
- We have two new board members, Jeff Silverstein and Julie Burt who joined the board in the last few months.

Expansion

- The architect has told us we will have construction plans by the first week of July. The next step after the plans are complete is the bidding process. The goal is to start construction the end of October beginning of November.

Funding Vote

- The collection of petition signatures is completed; we collected close to 700. Thank you to everyone who helped.
- We will once again be making phone calls to encourage residents to get out and vote. I will be asking for sign-ups at the September and October meeting.

Grants

- New York State Senate and Assembly had Bullet Aid available. I requested \$50,000 from Assemblyman Beephan and Senator Rolison to use for the technology that will be added to our lower level program room. Assemblyman Beephan contacted me to let me know he is sending us \$20,000 in October.

Programs

- We are once again participating in the United Way Diaper Drive until July 15 so please spread the word.
- Jane has been visiting the schools to promote the Summer Reading program and encourage kids to visit the library over the summer.

New York Library Association Friends of Library Section

Friends Councils are a way for local Friends groups to meet and exchange ideas and discuss common challenges. I would like to encourage our local Library System to host an event but want to be sure we would have participation. Thoughts? Online or in person in Poughkeepsie. MHLS is actually starting to host virtual meetings for Dutchess/Mid-Hudson Library Friends. Arlene and Jen indicated they will each be attending the Zoom meeting in June.

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT: None

FLS/NY REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale:

Both May book sales were successful.

Arlene asked that we please sign up for the June sale including Thursday sales – collaboration with Youth Services and the June evening sale.

Reorganization Committee:

Joan updated us on the Reorganization Committee meetings, she handed out written reports. She reported that the committee feels it is better to start moving sections back now instead of waiting until October 1st. Irene is preparing a database which she will distribute to everyone. There was a long discussion about the move. Arlene thanked Joan.

Carol emphasized that we need to have all the books in the front area moved by October 1. We will have a September book sale and if possible, October in the new reconfigured space.

Irene announced that we received a donation of over 700 DVD's. This should be put up on social media.

Membership: None

Fundraising:

Raffles:

The Father's Day raffle basket made \$208

The "Book Guitar" raffle made \$70

The "Summer Fun" raffle basket will be up until the June 22nd book sale.

Springtime Crafter/Vendor Fair:

We made \$2439.00 after expenses. This number includes the Vendor raffles and the Coffee pot donation can. The fair was a big success, the crowd was a steady flow and the vendors were pleased, especially when the Eagle Scouts showed up at the end of the day to help them breakdown their venues.

Pampered Chef: The Pampered Chef vendor approached the Friends about doing a fundraiser much like the Tupperware fundraiser. Everyone thought this would be good for November.

Arlene asked Barbara to chair this.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on July 11th at noon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Macdonald
Secretary