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## **FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AUGUST 1, 2023**

### **OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lynn Adams, Anne Marie Larkin, Kris Macdonald, (Secretary), Lynn Brickman, Denise Dini, Irene Drugan, Marvelle Hondorp, Cliff Johnsen, Jennifer Mihocko, (Treasurer), Jeanette Simone, Arlene Vaquer (President), Merle VonWettberg, and Mary Jane Zukowski.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Carol Fortier, Director of the Beekman Library

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Arlene called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. Lynn A. moved to accept the July 11th minutes as distributed, this motion was seconded by Anne Marie L. and passed.

Arlene welcomed back Denise Dini, who has rejoined the Friends.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Jen Mihocko distributed a detailed Treasurer's Report to the committee. We have \$613.09 in our checking account, \$4,873.05 in savings and \$195 Cash on Hand. Jenn said we have been very strong with book sales. July was a little slow but we made \$1,680.29 for both sales. We made \$130 plus on the raffle and we had \$50 donations from patrons. Kris moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, the motion was seconded by Arlene and passed.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

#### **Administrative**

- We have our annual financial audit scheduled for this Thursday with our accounting firm RBT. The final report will be presented to the board at the September or October meeting.
- We continue to receive tax credits from the IRS through the ERTC. The most recent check was for \$25,048. We are still waiting on credits for three more quarters.

#### **Funding Vote**

- The petitions were certified by the Town Clerk and the request to place the proposition on the ballot for the general election has been accepted by the Board of Elections.

#### **Programs**

- Some upcoming programs:
  - KIDS End of Summer Foam Party 8-11-23
  - Battle of Books 9-9-23
  - ADULTS Concerts 8-4 & 8-11-23 at 6:30PM
  - Crucial Conversations "Guns in Society" 9-20-23
  - Citizen's Preparedness 9-21-23

#### **Services**

- Transparent language is our new language learning software. It has 120 languages including American Sign Language and many choices for ESL learners from various countries. There is also a kid's version for French, Spanish, Italian, German, Chinese, and English. Check it out on our website.
- We are now offering the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum pass for free admission for two adults and two children.

**Staff**

- We have a new staff member named Mike Morano. He will be working Tuesday evenings and Saturdays.

**NYLA Friends of Libraries Section**

The September NYLA FLS Newsletter will include an article on a craft supply fundraiser.

Arlene reported that we will be doing the Annual Appeal again this year.

**LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT:** None

**FLS/NY REPORT:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Book Sale:**

It was decided that we need to order two new trolleys to move books around.  
Jen will order them.

**Reorganization Committee:**

Joan, Larry and committee have done a wonderful job. There will be a big push following the August book sale.

**Membership:** 149 Friends

**Fundraising:****Raffles:**

The "Patriotic Lottery" raffle basket made \$203

The August Basket is the "Mom's Rescue Back to School" basket the winner will be picked on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

The "Halloween Basket" will be up from August 25<sup>th</sup> until September book sale on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Christmas Cookie Sale:** Marvelle has graciously agreed to chair the cookie sale again this year.

We decided on a December 9 date; confirmed by Carol.

**OLD BUSINESS:****NEW BUSINESS:****NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next meeting will be held on September 5 at noon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Macdonald  
Secretary