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FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD APRIL 4, 2023

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Adams, Lynn Brickman, Xenia Ebel, Mickey Fraher, Larry Korducki, Anne Marie Larkin, Kris Macdonald, (Secretary), Barbara Rendich, (Vice President), Irene Drugan, Marvel Hondorp, Joan Korducki, Jennifer Mihocko, (Treasurer), Jeanette Simone, Linda Sprance, Arlene Vaquer (President), and Merle Von Wettberg.

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier, Director of the Beekman Library

CALL TO ORDER:

Arlene called the meeting to order at 12:16 pm. Anne Marie L. moved to accept the March 7th minutes as distributed, this motion was seconded by Xenia and passed.

Arlene spoke briefly about the Library Board Annual Meeting. The difference between our \$29,155 amount and the "big" check for \$30,909 was that some annual appeal donations go directly to the Library including some matching corporate checks and monthly donations (Pay Pal).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jen Mihocko congratulated the Friends on the record-breaking book sale on March 18th. We raised \$2700 and had a record number of customers. She said huge cudos, we wouldn't be successful without everyone working so hard. Jen reported that there is \$10,124.65 in our checking account, Cash on Hand is \$154.00 and \$130.06 in Savings Account.

Jen announced that we gave the Library \$8,125.00 for the First Quarter.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Expansion

There is an expansion button on the website with floor plans, drawings and a narrative about the project. Please take a look. With the E-news and print news both having articles about the expansion people are starting to ask questions. Please be positive about the project and direct people to the website if they have questions.

Grants

Jane Enkler has secured grants from Stewart's (\$650 for SRP) and Adirondack Mountain Club (\$475 for a nature program)

Programs

Upcoming Programs

- For Adults "Spring into Healthy Living" is a joint program with the rec department. It runs from April through the end of May.
- We are still experiencing wait list for Spring story times and will try to accommodate as best we can with additional programs.

Town

The Town levied the incorrect amount for the Library. The error is being handled and is documented in the minutes of the March 26 BOT meeting. Please see the attached document for details. I am happy to answer questions. We want to be completely transparent about the issue and have already spoken to the State Comptroller's Office. We are waiting on additional guidance from our Attorney with regard to future 414 funding language.

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT: None
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale:

Arlene announced that she is advertising on social media that we need donations, especially Fiction.

Barbara is taking over Fiction. She will be instructing volunteers working in Fiction.

Irene asked once again that volunteers not shelve any books that you find lying around. Please give them to her. Different books in different sections need stickers.

Joan has agreed to take on chairing our "Reorganizing Committee". The committee will be a small working group of 6 people. The committee will go to section owners to discuss their wishes and ideas.

Membership: As of March there are 136 members with \$745 in dues and donations. Arlene will be sitting outside with a membership table at book sales. Mickey will be out there with her also helping with the "free" books. At the end of every 4 months, Arlene will distribute the names of Friends members who have not renewed this year hoping that our Working Members can remind those that they know.

Fundraising:

Tupperware Sale is done and we raised \$488 and will be getting a check from Jim for \$97.68. It was recommended that in the future we only do one Tupperware sale in November before the holidays.

Raffles:

The Italian Basket raised approximately \$140. The winning ticket was drawn at the March 18th sale.

The "Pokemon Raffle Basket" will be up for two months with the winning ticket being drawn at our April book sale.

The "Mother's Day Basket" is upstairs and the winning ticket will also be picked at our April book sale.

Bob Cooper (a crafter from last year's crafter event) donated a fabulous guitar made from a book.

We will be doing a special raffle prior to the Craft Fair and then during the fair.

Springtime Crafter/Vendor Fair:

The date selected for the fair is May 7th (raindate May 14th). Kris asked for volunteers, especially volunteers to help vendors with set up at 8am. We need volunteers to man the raffle table and be around to assist crafters and vendors.

OLD BUSINESS:

Arlene announced that finally Discover Books returned her emails about money owed to FOBL. We will be getting a check for \$164.22.

NEW BUSINESS:

Volunteer Criteria: recently someone wanted to volunteer on a short term basis. Arlene said we have enough volunteers at this point. We won't be accepting pop-ins or short term volunteers.

Arlene announced that we have decided to also give First Responders a 20% discount.

This was Lynn B's idea at the last book sale. It's a great idea. It was decided that Teachers, Veterans and First Responders would get a 20% discount on everything they purchase.

Anne Marie L. will post this on PATCH

Arlene pointed out that Jane E., Youth Services Director, was interviewed in the Library Newsletter. Jane commented on how great the "Friends" are. Very nice.

Arlene spoke about the "Spring into Healthy Living" program that Sue Ray is running.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on May 2nd at noon.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Macdonald
Secretary