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FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MARCH 7, 2023

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Adams, Jerry Balcom, Eileen Cunningham, Xenia Ebel, Mickey Fraher, Larry Korducki, Anne Marie Larkin, Kris Macdonald, (Secretary), Barbara Rendich, (Vice President), Irene Drugan, Joan Korducki, Jennifer Mihocko, (Acting Treasurer), Jeanette Simone, Linda Sprance, Sarah Taylor, Merle Von Wettberg, Mary Jane Zukowski.

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier, Director of the Beekman Library

CALL TO ORDER:

Barbara Rendich called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. Eileen moved to accept the December 6th minutes as distributed, this motion was seconded by Larry and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jen Mihocko reported that there is \$7,224.67 in our checking account, Cash on Hand is \$203.00 and \$130.03 in Savings Account. The Sales Tax for last year was paid \$952.74. Jen also told us that we made \$270 on the Jan/Feb Snowflake Lotto Raffle.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Annual Meeting

March 26 at 2PM

Paul Mays from Butler Rowland Mays Architects will present the library Master Plan.

Grants

We have been awarded a DC Yes Grant for \$7000 for 2023.

Jane Enkler applied for a Dollar General Grant for \$3000 toward our Summer Reading Program to purchase more books, eBooks and decodable readers.

Programs

Upcoming Programs For Adults

*Cornell Cooperative Extension will provide online gardening workshops monthly for spring.

*In April we will host a Citizens Preparedness Program.

*The first Trivia Night was a big success so Sue will be planning a game night once a month for adults rotating between Trivia, Scatagories, etc.

*We will be celebrating Earth Day with other Dutchess County Libraries. This year we will giveaway bare root seedlings and enjoy a tour of Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary.

Outreach

*Print Newsletter will be in boxes April 1-3.

*Jane and Anne Marie have visited Creative Kids twice this year and have been visiting the Elementary School classrooms.

*Sue visits the Beekman Recreation Senior Center Monthly

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT:

Jenn attended the meeting. She reported on the meeting but most of her report was covered in Carol F's report. She did however tell everyone about the Annual Meeting when we will give the Library our large check.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale:

Barbara said there is a signup sheet for volunteers for the March 18th book sale and that we should sign up in shifts since sometimes at the end of the day we don't have enough volunteers.

Irene spoke about the Sorting Area. She asked that we not put books in the “to be shelved” boxes instead put the books where they need to be sorted. Lots of books get stickers and sometime prices before they get put into the boxes to be shelved.

Barbara commented on how great the reorganization of the sorting area was thanks to Irene.

With regard to the upcoming construction, Barbara spoke about the need for a Transition Committee. We need a Chairperson. We are open to all comments and ideas regarding this transition.

Irene proposed that this Transition Committee meet once a month.

Membership:

Kris reported on behalf of Arlene that we have 145 Friends members thanks to the working members who signed up new Friends since January (total 21 new friends). Thank you Jerry, Joan, Larry, Kris, and the winner of the Visa Gift Card, Jen. Also all of the Friends who did not renew in 2023 have also now renewed.

Annual Appeal: To date we had 84 donors with a total of \$10,580.00 from the Appeal.

Fundraising:

Tupperware Sale is done and we should be getting a check from Jim Puckette shortly.

Raffles:

The “Snowflake” Lottery Scratch Off for Jan and Feb. raised \$270.00

The Italian Basket will be up for in February and the winning ticket will be drawn at our March 18th book sale.

The “Pokemon Raffle Basket” will be up for two months with the winning ticket being drawn at our April book sale. The East Coast Card Collector of Hopewell Junction has once again donated the items for our basket with a value of \$60.

The next raffle up will be the “Mother’s Day Basket”. Winning ticket will be picked at our April book sale.

Winter Social: Barbara reported that the Winter Social was great.

Springtime Crafter/Vendor Fair:

The date selected for the fair is May 7th (raindate May 14th). Invites have gone out.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on April 4th at noon. The Annual Meeting of the Friends will be first. We will be voting to fill a Director role that will be vacated by Mickey, and 2 Directors whose terms expire. Lynn A chairs the nominating committee. Following the annual meeting we will hold our regular April meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Macdonald
Secretary