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FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 2, 2023

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Adams, Jerry Balcom, Xenia Ebel, Larry Korducki, Kris Macdonald,(Secretary), Barbara Rendich,(Vice President), Irene Drugan, Marvel Hondorp, Joan Korducki, Jennifer Mihocko, (Treasurer), Jeanette Simone, 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 12:00 pm. Jenn moved to accept the April 4th minutes as distributed, this motion was seconded by Larry and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jen Mihocko distributed a Treasurer's Report to the Committee. Total income from the Sat., April 15th sale was \$1067.91. Income from dealers was \$77 and off hours was \$73.00. Our total income is up over 30% over last year.

Discover Books finally paid us.

Arlene thanked Larry for letting us know about saving money by paying for our insurance policy all at one time.

Kris moved to accept the Treasurer's report, which was seconded by Arlene and passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Administrative

- We will have a funding request on the ballot in November. The Board voted on requesting \$538,889 which is a 7% increase over the 2023 tax levy. The budget includes funds for additional youth services staff hours, 3.5% salary increase for staff, large increase in electricity and oil, and more funds for electronic materials which continue to see increased circulation and are much more expensive than physical materials. The gathering of signatures will start immediately. We are waiting to hear if the number of signatures will be lowered to 25 but in the meantime we are assuming we need 500.
- I have applied to the State Department for us to become a Passport Acceptance Site. There are currently two libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System that offer this service and they report over \$10,000 a year in income.

Expansion

- The engineer for our expansion did a walk through last week. This is the first step towards construction starting in October.

Grants

- We are waiting to hear on the \$3000 Dollar General Grant request.

Programs

- Union Vale Middle School Art show this Friday in the Community Room.
- Jane has been working hard to bring middle and high school students into the library. She has three programs on the calendar this month Junior Leadership Council which is a program that works in conjunction with the Beekman Rec's Teen Leadership Council. She also has a teen craft night planned and a bad art program for middle schoolers. These programs are growing in popularity.

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT: None

New York Library Association Friends of Library Section

The FLS website has lots of great information on fundraising ideas from other Friends of the Library groups throughout the state. For some inspiration check out their website.

This link has some information on a Business Member annual fundraiser done by the Oswego Friends Group. . <https://foloswego.com/2023-business-members/>
<https://www.nyla.org/flsrural/?menukey=fls> scroll down to Friends Online section

FLS/NY REPORT:

Arlene explained that we are members of the Friend's Section of NYLA (New York Library Assoc.) and we get lots of information from other Friend's groups from around the State. A discussion followed about recent virtual meetings and the upcoming conference in Saratoga. Both Arlene and Kris will attend. Carol is now handling the upcoming conference for FLS and in November, she will become President. She wants to make some improvements of the FLS section of the New York Library Association website as well as the possibility of starting New York Regional friends Councils.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale:

Saturday's book sales was successful.

Reorganization Committee:

Joan has offered to chair this committee and she will be setting up regular committee meetings.

Membership: We have 152 members; 6 new members and 5 renewals. \$970 was brought in as of the end of April.

Fundraising:

Raffles:

New raffle from Bob Cooper – a guitar made from a book given to him by Carol. Will be raffled at the Springtime Craft Fair.

The "Mother's Day" raised approximately \$206. The winning ticket was drawn at the April sale.

The "Pokemon Raffle Basket" raised 85.00. These numbers are approximates until we receive an official report from Karen Mowbary about what the Library collected.

The "Father's Day" Basket is upstairs and the winner will be picked at our Thurs. May 25th sale.

Springtime Crafter/Vendor Fair:

Kris reported that everything is going very well with lots of new vendors this year. She 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:

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a question about the information given to callers about book donations from the Library front desk staff. Carol will speak with the staff to clarify the guidelines. The front desk does accept donations.

Joan requested that volunteers not take boxes from her CD music section. She had saved boxes and marked them reserved but they were taken. There was a discussion about being more careful not to take boxes marked "reserved".

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on June 6th at noon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Macdonald
Secretary