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

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Adams, Jerry Balcom, Xenia Ebel, Larry Korducki, Anne Marie Larkin, Jennifer Mihocko (Treasurer), Barbara Rendich (VP), Jeanette Simone, Arlene Vaquer (Pres.), Lynn Brickman, Irene Drugan, Marvelle Hondorp, Cliff Johnson, Joan Korducki, Linda Sprance, Sara Taylor, Merle von Wettberg, and Mary Jane Zukowski.

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Fortier, Director of the Beekman Library

CALL TO ORDER:

Arlene called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. A motion was made to accept the October minutes as distributed. Jen moved to accept. Seconded by Anne Marie Larkin. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

We are "on track" for a successful year. The "Tailgate Basket" was good it raised \$198. In October, we gave a check to the Library for \$6,000. That's \$23,625 so far this year. Book Sales and Raffles have brought in \$21,000 this year. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Larry and seconded by Lynn Adams. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Carol reported the following:

*Signed contract for online calendar software and museum pass module will go on line Dec. 1st.

*Board voted to contract with Transition Builders for lower level. Work expected to start Nov. 20th.

*Please vote today if you haven't.

*Senator Rolison will be here on Nov. 15th. Plan to stop by and make your concerns known.

*Passport Acceptance: 5 passports processed, 12 photos, \$355. Staff has been challenged, but will get better.

*Jane expanded the school reading program by going to Vail Farm Elementary. She already goes to Beekman. monthly visits expected. Everybody benefits: kids and library.

*Due to rainy weather, the Halloween Boo Bash was indoors. "It was crazy". As a result of a survey, Sue is working on adding more adult crafting programs.

Carol gave her report on the NYLA Conference. Lots of ideas!

*She thanked everyone on the re-org committee, and everyone who worked together with all members and family, Andy, Keith, Rick and Jeff. The definite start date will be determined on the 14th. The projected completion date is March 14, 2024. Joan asked about parking. Answer: may widen existing. The new Community Room will have a buffet counter.

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT: None

FLS/NYLA REPORTS: See below under New Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale:

Arlene handed out book sale dates for 2024. March 23rd may be a better date for the first book sale of 2024.

The January 21st planning meeting at the Dalton Farm Roosevelt House will be at 11:00 a.m. Pot Luck brunch included.

Reorganization Committee:

Update: After the 11th Sale, a "Big Push" will start on the Monday, the 13th. The first 3 fiction cases need to be emptied and books boxed. Book cases need to be removed from the wall and moved. Plastic, tape, etc. will be provided for wrapping all book cases. Section owners are responsible for protection of their section. ." Mary Jane offered a ladder, etc. and asked for lots of help.

A sign will be placed on the door to say, "NO MORE DONATIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. BOOKS LEFT HERE WILL BE TRASHED"

Annual Appeal:

Arlene announced that the Annual Appeal letter has been sent to the printer who will stuff the envelopes, etc. We are sending out to 950 patrons.

Membership:

Arlene reported that we currently have 159 members. We're keeping on track. Collected to date: \$2240 vs. \$2,020 collected for the entire 2022 year.

Fundraising:**Raffles:**

There are three great raffles for Christmas. Our big Christmas Wrap basket will be on the circulation desk until the Cookie Sale on Dec. 9th. The other two Christmas raffle baskets will also be raffled that day.

Christmas Cookie Sale:

We need volunteers for the 8th of Dec. to wrap cookies. Sign up please! Cookies will be \$10/lb.. Irene suggested a one box limit for members on the 8th. Carol has suggested selling "lightly used" ornaments. Prices to be determined. We provide bags for take home. Arlene asked people to bring in used ornaments.

OLD BUSINESS:**NEW BUSINESS:**

Arlene spoke about the NYLA Conference in Saratoga, NY. We're in good shape compared to other FOBL groups. We have a good sized space and an active membership. Saratoga Library Friends have a "Café"! We will discuss new ideas at the Dec. 5th and January 21st meetings. Arlene also announced Carol's upcoming installation (3 year term) as the NYLA President of the Friends of Libraries Section.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on Dec.5th at noon. The meeting will be held in the Community Room upstairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Macdonald, Secretary