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FRIENDS OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3, 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 \$198.. In October, we gave a check to the Library for \$6,000. That's \$23,000 so far this year. Book Sales and Raffles have brought in \$21,000 this year. The annual appeal - \$2500. Number of donors was 950. Arlene announced that the Annual Appeal paperwork has been sent to the printer who will stuff the envelopes, etc. Motion to accept the 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: all member 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/NY REPORTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Sale:

Arlene

Reorganization Committee:

Membership:

Arlene

Fundraising:

Raffles:

Christmas Cookie Sale:

Sign-up sheets soliciting bakers will be circulated at our October book sale and our November book sale. Carol will have sign-up sheets upstairs at the front desk as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Arlene shared a thank you letter from Laura Balcom for the flower arrangement, with the Friends.
Our January "Planning" meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21st. Kris will reserve the Roosevelt House in Dalton Farm.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on Nov. 7th at noon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Macdonald, Secretary