

Friends of the Town of Ballston Community Library Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/6/2022

Meeting called to order at: 7:01pm by President Donna Keegan

Announcement: Rory was the best Mermaid ever!!!!

Members Present: Stef Leshner, Rebecca Darling, Wes, Mary Conklin, Donna Keegan, Deborah Roberts Delamater, Tim Newell, Margi Morris, Sue Tomlinson, Peggy Shaeffer

Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes: Mary Second: DRD

Treasurer's Report:

Starting total:		\$12,728.75
Deposits		
Thrift Books	\$227.76	
Hannaford Blooming for Good	\$53.00	
New Members	\$40.00	
Summer Reading Kickoff Envelope	\$55.00	
Amazon Smiles	\$13.08	
Booksale overpayment adjustment	\$50.00	
		\$13,167.59
Expenses		
Donna Keegan Parade Supplies	-\$56.07	
Jenn Richard Charlton Heights refreshments	-\$49.36	
TOB Library Summer Reading Kickoff	-\$225.00	
Saratoga Auto Museum	-\$150.00	
Children's Museum of Saratoga	-\$300.00	
Mail N More Boxes	-\$135.00	
Peter Sheridan Storywalk	-\$68.95	
Pro Bono Partnership	-\$250.00	
Savings	\$3,759.89	
Interest	\$0.47	
TOTAL		\$15,693.57

Motion to accept treasurers report by:Peggy seconded by: Mary

Old Business

Budget: The fish are gone, that was a big chunk of our budget. We need to figure out what we are fundraising money for. We need to give back to the community. Tim thinks we are not ready to vote

on fundraisers for this year yet. Most of our programs were put on the back burner because of Covid. We need to figure out what programs we want back and what they will cost. There will be a report at the next meeting about what programs might cost.

Sponsored events:

What about author visits.

Holiday Christmas tree lighting. According to BPA rep, this is really a rotary event. We don't know if they have discussed this yet. We need to know what to do with a tree. We would like to use the Church tree instead of buying a new tree that was taken down because of the Peace Pole.

Storywalk

BHBL and Charlton art reception

Big Winter program: puppet people or something like that.

Summer Reading Program.

Should we do the dinner at the HS again? Yes. Easy money and a community event. This does not seem to be as much a fundraiser as a public service

Should we do mini golf? Yes. Not as easy, but a community event.

Expenses:

Museum Passes are being used. Should we expand on them? Tabled. Rebecca to call the Aquarium to see if they will do passes or if showing your library card at the ticket window will get money off.

Fall book sale: We are scanning library discards and shipping them out, so they are not hanging around the library. We are shipping 3 pallets this week. For the past 2 weeks we were accepting books. Books are in the community room in piles. We don't seem to have as much as we normally do. Books are sorted into loose groups. Signups are on the calendar to help with setup which is Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14. We are not accepting books, but people are still bringing them in. We would like to have a tent outside since it is also the town garage sale. If weather cooperates, we will do the book sale outside.

Budget vote:

Officer Election: Per Tim, we need to elect officers once per year. There needs to be an officer slate. It needs to be presented to the membership. Then it needs to be voted on. Donna feels there are a lot of new members and wants to make sure people know that the offices are up for a vote. Donna will discuss with Melia and get this on the next agenda.

Storywalk: Per Rebecca, Storywalk is back up with a new book. (at this point, Miles lost his first tooth) The new book is Mother Bruce. It is a on the blue trail which is a little further into the trail. They will swap out the book in the Fall.

Construction update: Construction is starting on Wednesday 9/7/2022. Rebecca thanks all that supported the library. There was not as much that needed to be moved as many things found a new place when they had to move it back the last time.

Peace pole: Peace pole is up. There is a slab, but the bench is not on it yet. Dedication ceremony is on Saturday, September 24 at 1:00pm. There will be more information when it becomes available. Donna is going to ask the church if we can use their tree for the lighting so that we don't have to purchase a new tree. The event will be the first Tuesday in December. Usually, the highway department puts the lights up. The friends will need to purchase new lights. There is a light post near the tree, so we should be able to use that electricity.

Summer Reading update: Ended on 9/5. Very busy. 79 programs attended by 2800 people. Kids read a ton, Many community partners. We had brown bag lunches to go. We were able to participate this year because there was a waiver on the income requirements. This saw so much use that we are looking into continuing it next year. Alyssa went all over to promote summer reading.

NYLA Conferences. 9/15. Our Membership is still current. No one was interested in going to conferences at this time.

Mini golf: Do we want to do this? Put on calendar now for February. Friday, 2/24 and Saturday 2/25. (at this point Miles is bleeding profusely, but he is putting on a brave face). More will be discussed about mini golf at the next meeting.

Virtual vs Hybrid vs In Person: Secretary votes for Virtual, Peggy and Mary miss people and want in person. Rebecca says if there is a reason for in person, we can do that. DRD says with all the new members, it might be good to have in person meetings. The community room can remain open after the library closes, you just have to be there before the library closed to get access to the room. Stef to look into technology to support hybrid meetings.

New Business

Recap: Donna will talk to Melia about meetings and the Election slate and talk to church about the tree. Sue will check on spartan dinner date.

Motion made to adjourn at: 8:00 by: Sue, seconded by: Mary

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Stefanie Leshner