

**Friends of the Town of Ballston Community Library Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: October 4, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at:** 9:02am By President Melia Gordon

**Members Present:** Donna Keegan, Jenn Richard, Stefanie Lesher, Melia Gordon, Tim Newell, Peggy Shaeffer, Wes Bartlett, Rebecca Darling

**Meeting Minutes:**

Need to change Charlton Heights to Charlton School from September minutes.

Motion to accept minutes: Stef Second: Donna

**Treasurer's Report:**

Starting total: \$11,933.21

Deposits

Ongoing book sale \$77.50

Membership book sale \$75.00

Cash from booksale \$799.35

Venmo \$11.40

\$12,896.46

Expenses

Starter cash booksale -\$100.00

The Hyde collection membership -\$100.00

Mail N More Color copies -\$45.90

TOB Community Library 1/2

Booksale -\$349.67

Savings \$3,760.36

TOTAL \$16,061.25

Motion to accept treasurers report by: Donna seconded by: Stef

**Old Business**

**Fall book sale:** need to advertise for help more. Donna was there for most of it, because we did not have all shifts covered. May not be able to do it again or may have to shorten hours. We may just do thrift books. We sent nonfiction books to thrift before the sale and our nonfiction for the Booksale was still huge. The fiction purge will happen before the next book sale. Some of those books will be scanned for thrift. People want to know when the library can take donations again. Proposal, they can donate books now, if they are willing to work the Booksale.

**Holiday event:** The Rotary decided to do the Drive through instead of tree lighting and Santa at the library. The rotary will probably not sponsor the Santa event again. Donna has gotten the OK the use the churches tree if we do need it. If we decide to do the Santa event, Tim will ask the fire

department. If we can get things today for the event, we are going to do it on December 6 at 6:00pm. Melia Gordon knows Santa and will find out if he can be at the library on that date.

**Construction** : Local history room is almost done. They should be completely done with history room within 2 weeks. Electrician is working on things. Construction should be done by November first ish.

**BHBL Dinner** – March 15. There is still a lot of work involved. It should be easier this time. We will pick the menu in collaboration with Nikki. Melia sent Sue an email asking if that date was still available.

**In person/Hybrid meetings**: We would like to keep zoom meetings available. We would like a nice Hybrid option. SALS recommends the OWL. It is a 180 camera and Microphone setup. It can show the zoom people on a Screen at the front of the room. If we have the OWL by the next meeting, Donna can do a Hybrid meeting in November, but she would need someone to be there to help her set it up. OWL is approximately \$1000. Motion for buying an OWL by Peggy. Second by Donna. Can the Friends meetings be added to the Community Room calendar? Jenn will do this.

**Elections**: Motion made to elect the officer slate as written, by Stef. Second by Donna.

**Brandonsbooks v Thrift books**. Same type of organization, but we can send 1 box at a time. Donna is going to look into getting Brandonsbooks setup with the Friends and with Venmo. We will try to scan books to both and see who has the better deal.

**Museum passes**: Passes are all going out. They are either stable or going up. Motion to add 4 passes and continue our current passes by Stef Second by Peggy.

### **New Business**

**New town reading program**: 2 towns, 1 book with Ballston and Charlton. In March. There is a secret book that will be announced at a later date. Jenn would like the friends to sponsor an Author Zoom visit. We would need some extra copies of the book. Jenn would like programs to be around the theme of the book. Are the friends interested in paying for the author and or programs? The friends think this is a wonderful idea and would like Jenn to bring us a proposal at the next meeting.

**Lifetime membership**: What is it? Need clarity. Motion to make a family lifetime membership be up to 2 adults and the kids in the household for \$200 by Stef second by Wes.

Motion made to adjourn at: 10:05 by: Stefanie , seconded by: Wes

**Minutes respectfully submitted by:** Stefanie Leshner